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A DOUBLE-LENGTH ADAM STRANGE THRILLER...
"SHADOW PEOPLE of the ECLIPSE!"

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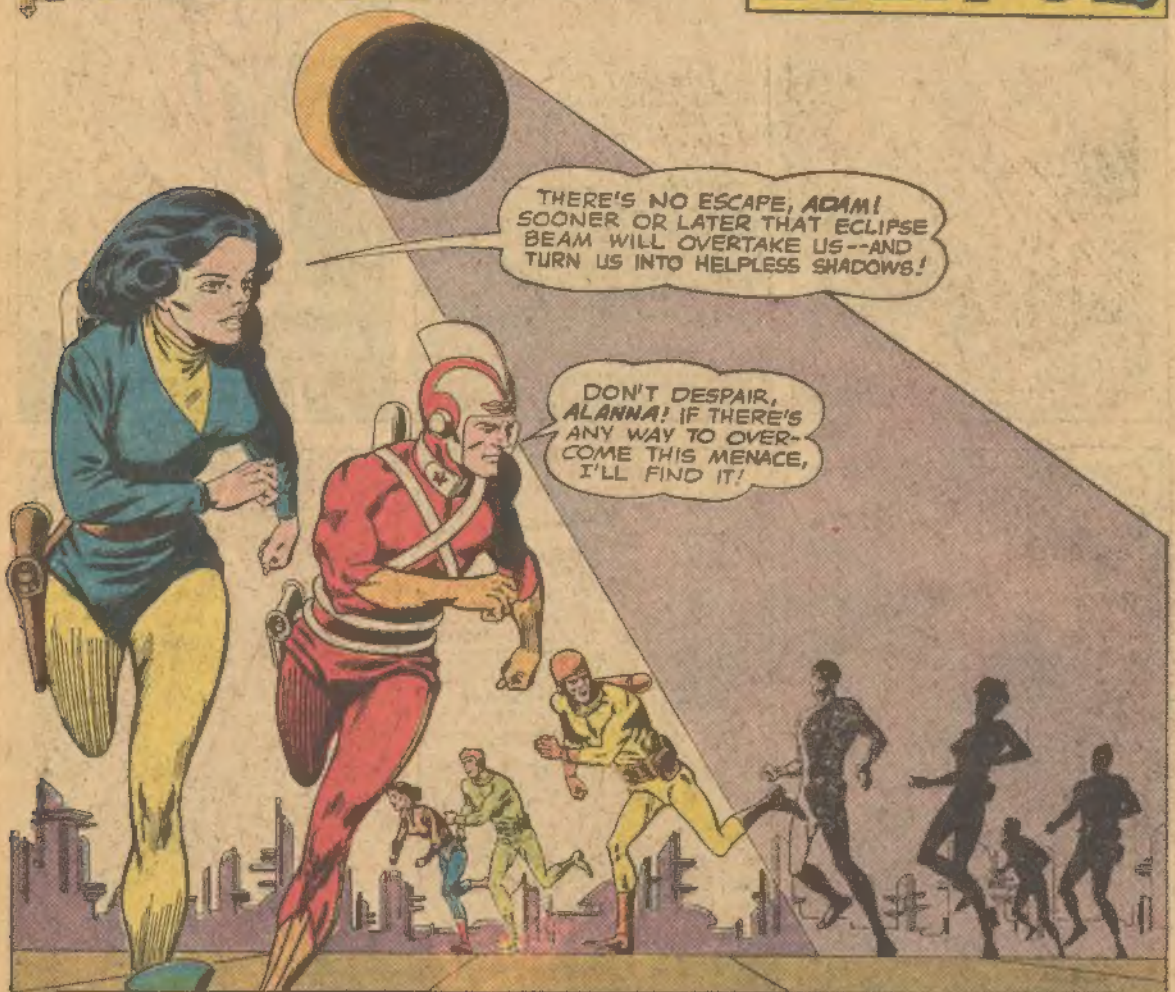
ADAM STRANGE

TO ADAM STRANGE OF ALL EARTH'S TEEMING MILLIONS IS GIVEN THE UNIQUE ABILITY TO TRAVEL BY A TELEPORTATIONAL BEAM TO ANOTHER WORLD--25 TRILLION MILES DISTANT FROM EARTH! ON THIS PLANET RANN, HE HAS A SWEETHEART--ALANNA OF RANAGAR--AND MORE MENACES THAN ANY PERSON HAS DREAMED OF FIGHTING IN A SCORE OF LIFE-TIMES!

ON ADAM'S LATEST VISIT TO RANN, A MYSTERIOUS MENACE TURNS EVERYONE INTO HELPLESS SHADOWY FIGURES, WHICH ARE DOOMED TO BECOME THE PREY OF LLYRR, THE CYCLOPS OF SPACE!

SHADOW PEOPLE OF THE ECLIPSE!


THERE'S NO ESCAPE, ADAM! SOONER OR LATER THAT ECLIPSE BEAM WILL OVERTAKE US--AND TURN US INTO HELPLESS SHADOWS!
DON'T DESPAIR, ALANNA! IF THERE'S ANY WAY TO OVERCOME THIS MENACE, I'LL FIND IT!

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HOVERING ON ROCKET-JETS 200 YARDS ABOVE THE DENSE JUNGLES OF THE MATTO GROSSO IN BRAZIL, IS A YOUNG EARTH ARCHEOLOGIST...
THE ZETA-BEAM IS DUE TO STRIKE HERE WITHIN A MINUTE! TIME TO BEGIN THE COUNT-DOWN...
SUDDENLY THE WORLD ABOUT ADAM STRANGE BEGINS TO DARKEN--WHILE UPWARD FROM THE JUNGLE COME FLAMING ARROWS...
THE SUN IS BEING ECLIPSED AND--OF COURSE! THE SUPERSTITIOUS NATIVES BELOW THINK THE MOON IS A MONSTER OR GIGANTIC BIRD--AND TO PREVENT IT FROM "DEVOURING" THE SUN, ARE SHOOTING FIRE ARROWS AT THE BIRD!
I BETTER SCOOT AWAY FROM HERE--OR THOSE FIRE ARROWS WILL "CONTACT" ME BEFORE THE ZETA-BEAM DOES!
FORCED OUT OF THE PATH OF THE ZETA-BEAM, ADAM VEERS TO ONE SIDE...
I COULD'VE CONTACTED THE ZETA-BEAM ON THE GROUND BUT THE NATIVES REGARD STRANGERS AS TABOO IN THEIR TERRITORY AND WOULD HAVE ATTACKED ME! AND I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT ANY WITH MY RAY-GUN!
ADAM TURNS A SOMERSAULT IN MIDAIR...
THEY'LL BE FRIGHTENED IF I DESTROY THEIR ARROWS--SO I'LL "HELP" THEM BY GRASPING TWO ARROWS AND CARRY THEM UPWARD WITH ME TOWARD THE SUN! THEY'LL SEE ME DISAPPEAR WHEN THE ZETA-BEAM HITS AND SOON AFTER THE SUN WILL REAPPEAR!
AN INSTANT LATER THERE IS A BRIGHT GLOW AND...

AS HE HAS MANY TIMES IN THE PAST, **ADAM STRANGE** IS TELEPORTED ACROSS 25 TRILLION MILES OF INTERSTELLAR SPACE IN A SPLIT-SECOND! HIS DESTINATION IS THE PLANET **RANN** OF THE STAR-SUN **ALPHA-CENTAURI**, WHERE HIS SWEETHEART--**ALANNA OF RANAGAR**--WAITS TO GREET HIM...

THE EERIE DARKNESS WHICH HE LEFT BEHIND ON EARTH IS REPEATED ON **RANN** AS HIS FEET SETTLE TO THE GROUND...

ADAM--HOW'D YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BLACK GLOOM HERE? I SEE YOU BROUGHT TORCHES WITH YOU!

NOT TORCHES, **ALANNA**--FIRE ARROWS! ISN'T IT NIGHT HERE?

ACTUALLY IT IS **DAYTIME**--BUT A QUEER DARKNESS HAS DESCENDED ON **RANN**, MAKING OUR HOMES--OUR CITY--OUR SPACESHIPS--ANYTHING IN WHICH WE CAN TAKE SHELTER--SO TERRIBLY HOT WE CAN'T STAY INSIDE THEM!

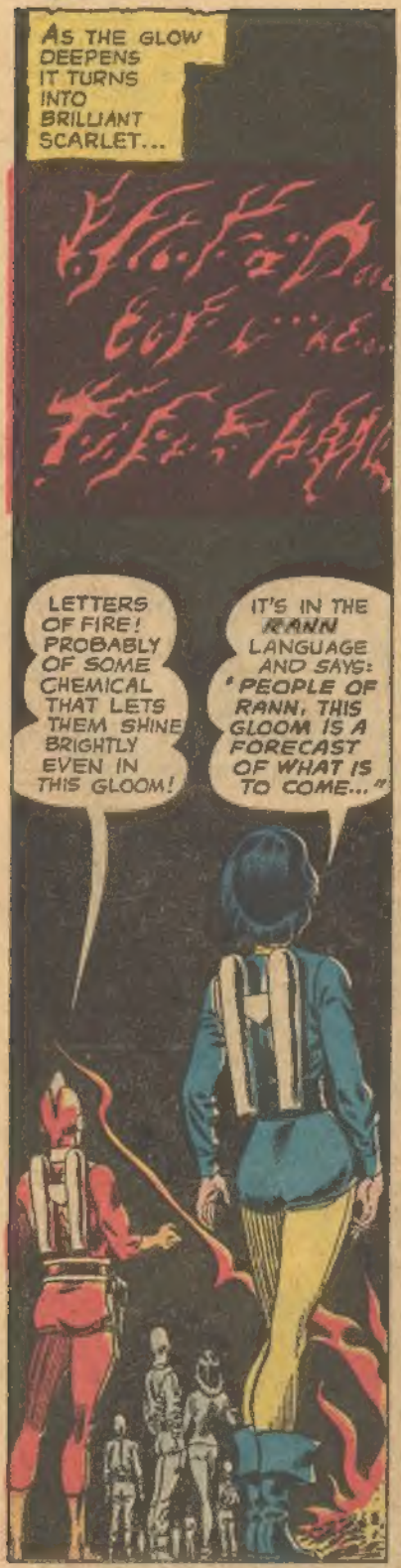
AS **RANN-GIRL** AND **EARTH-MAN** JET TOWARD THE CITY OF **RANAGAR**...

LOOK FOR YOURSELF, **ADAM**! ALL **RANAGAR** IS CAMPING OUT! THOSE ARE OUR COOKING FIRES! TO CELEBRATE YOUR RETURN HERE, I HOPED TO PREPARE A PLATTER OF ROAST **RANAGARIAN QUAIL** FOR YOU--BUT WE CAN'T ENTER THE CITY TO USE OUR STOVES!

AN ENTIRE CITY--FORCED TO LEAD A PRIMITIVE EXISTENCE!

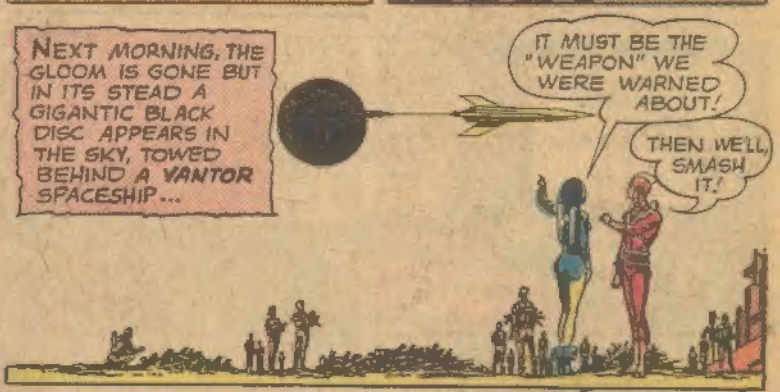
ALANNA LEADS THE WAY TO ONE OF THE FIRES, WHEN...

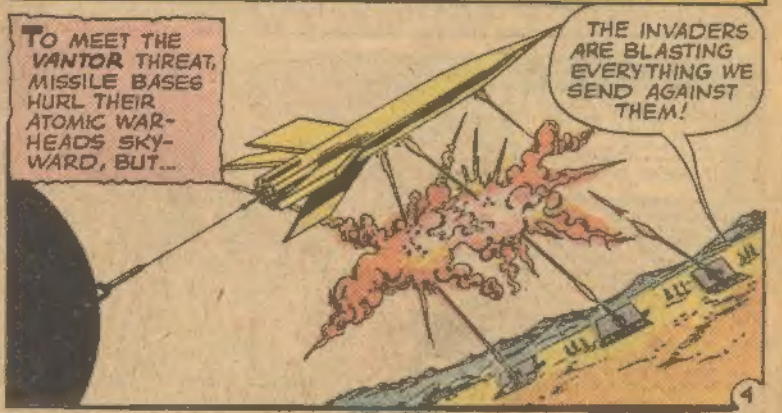
ADAM--LOOK UP! THE SKY IS STARTING TO GLOW!


AS THE GLOW DEEPENS IT TURNS INTO BRILLIANT SCARLET...
LETTERS OF FIRE! PROBABLY OF SOME CHEMICAL THAT LETS THEM SHINE BRIGHTLY EVEN IN THIS GLOOM!
IT'S IN THE RANN LANGUAGE AND SAYS: "PEOPLE OF RANN, THIS GLOOM IS A FORECAST OF WHAT IS TO COME..."

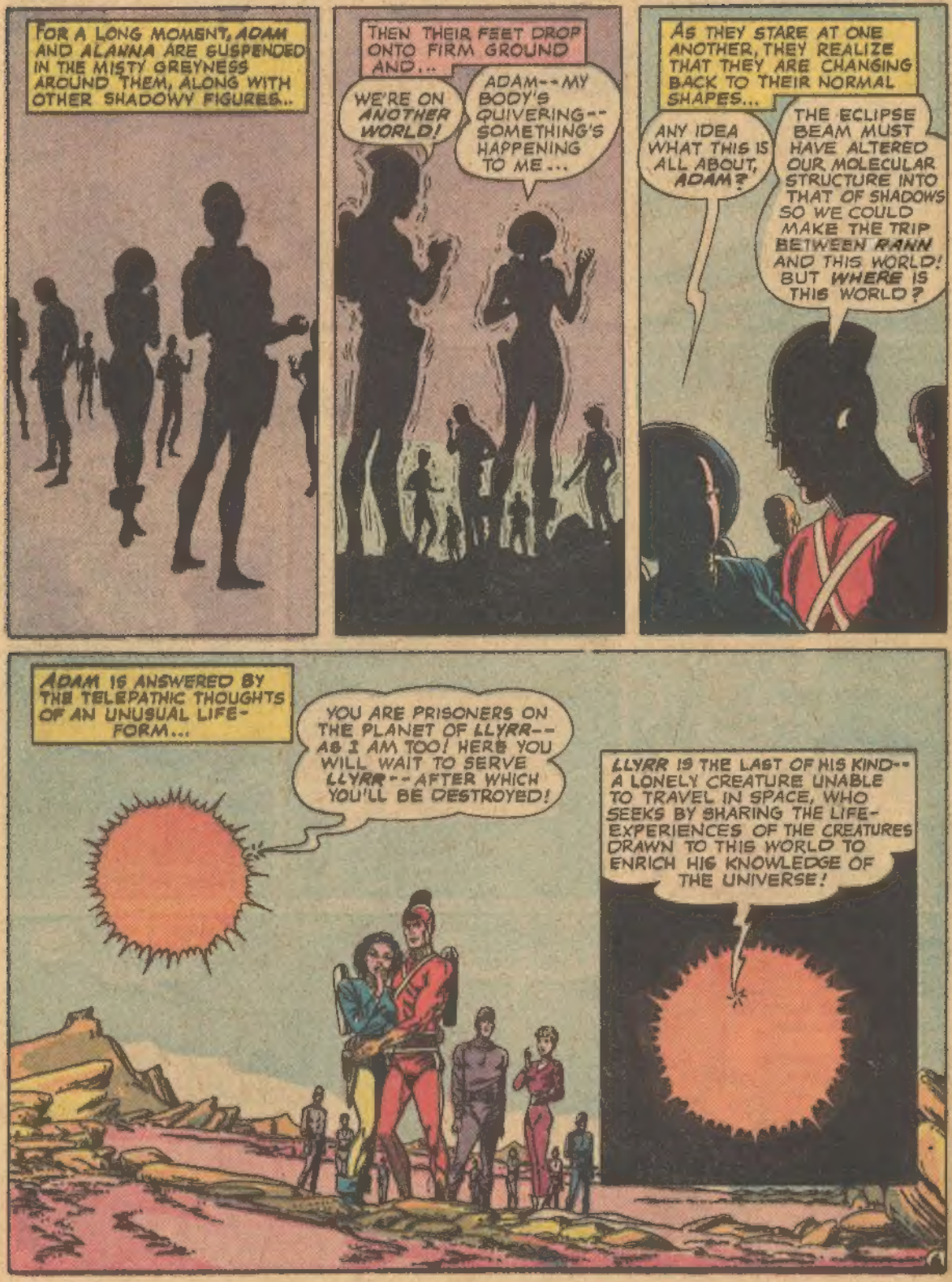
"THE DARK DOOM WHICH IS TO APPEAR TOMORROW WILL SPELL YOUR FINISH! WITH OUR VACUUMIZER WEAPON WE OVERCAME RANN ONCE-- BEFORE ADAM STRANGE FOUND A WAY TO BEAT US*! THIS TIME WE HAVE A WEAPON NOT EVEN HE CAN STOP!"
*EDITOR'S NOTE: SEE MYSTERY IN SPACE NO. 63: "THE WEAPON THAT SWALLOWED MEN!"

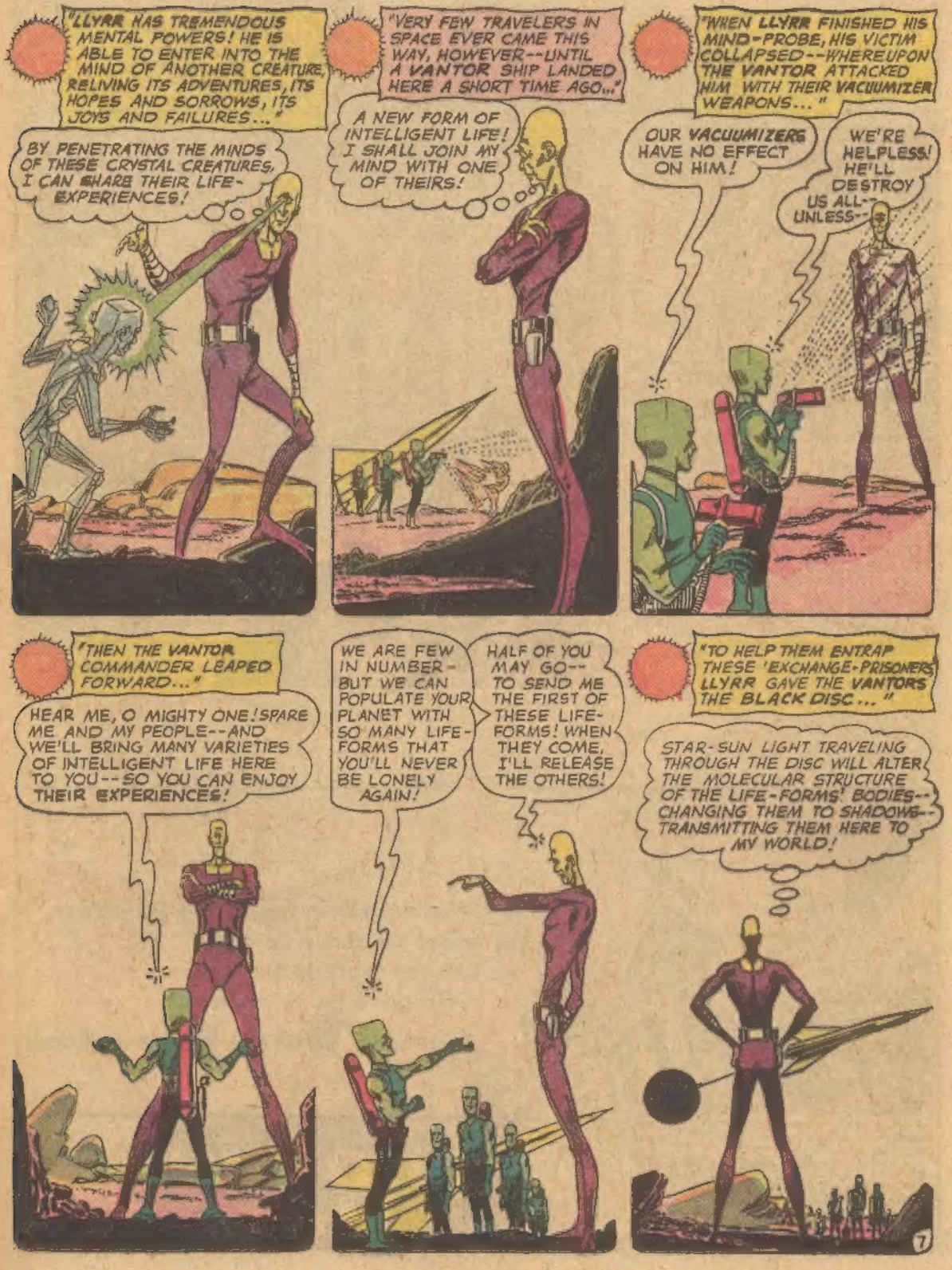
"TOMORROW IS YOUR LAST DAY ON RANN! BY NIGHTFALL YOUR PLANET WILL BELONG TO US!"
OHHH, ADAM-- THIS IS AWFUL! THE VANTOR PEOPLE THREATENING US AGAIN!

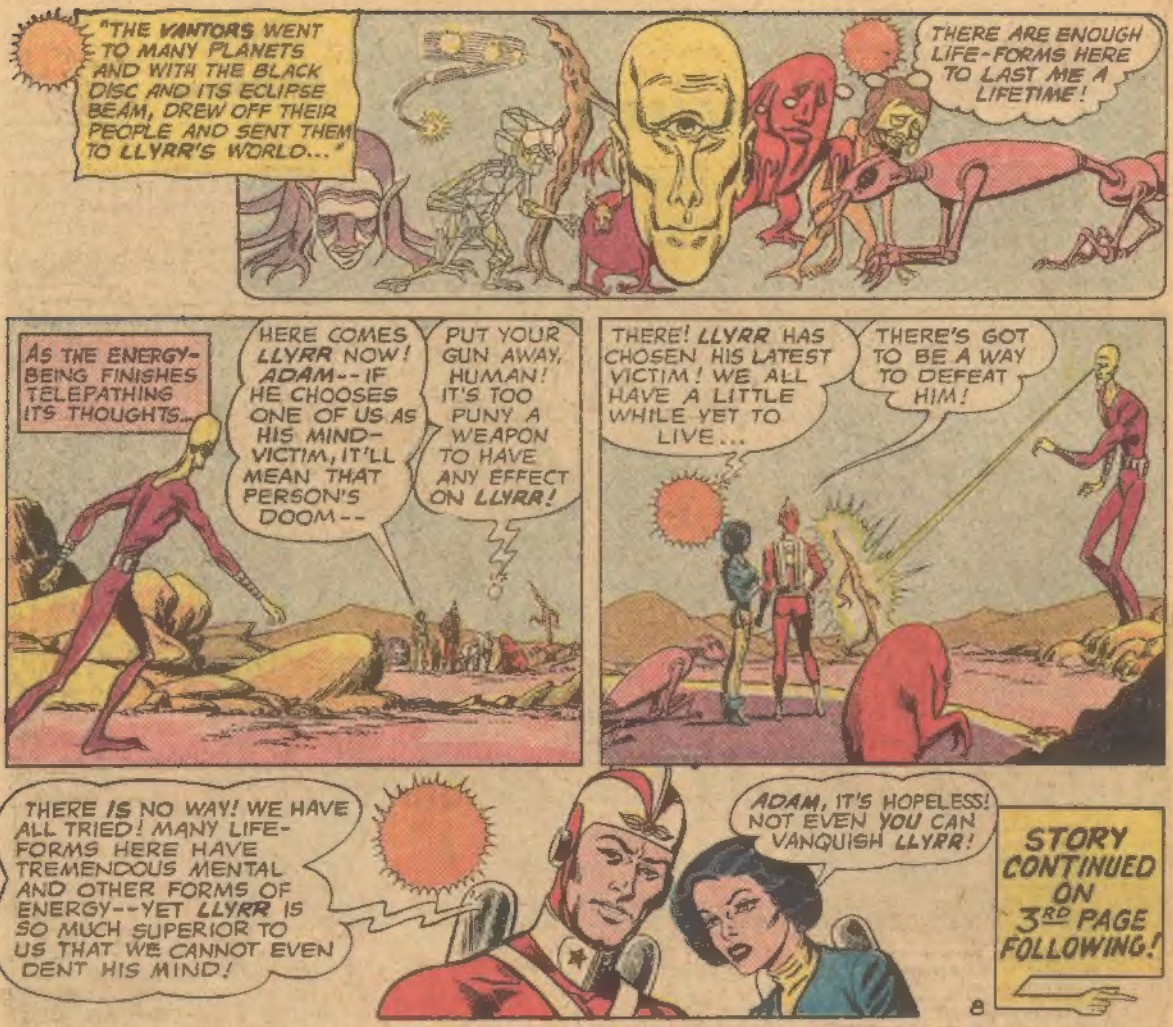

NEXT MORNING, THE GLOOM IS GONE BUT IN ITS STEAD A GIGANTIC BLACK DISC APPEARS IN THE SKY, TOWED BEHIND A VANTOR SPACESHIP...
IT MUST BE THE "WEAPON" WE WERE WARNED ABOUT!
THEN WE'LL SMASH IT!


TO MEET THE VANTOR THREAT, MISSILE BASES HURL THEIR ATOMIC WARHEADS SKYWARD, BUT...
THE INVADERS ARE BLASTING EVERYTHING WE SEND AGAINST THEM!

AS THE DARK DISC IS TOWED INTO ORBIT BY THE VANTOR SPACESHIP, IT ECLIPSES THE SUN-LIGHT FROM ALPHA CENTAURI--AND AS THE ECLIPSE SHADOW FALLS ON THE PLANET...
THE BEAM'S CHANGING US...
TURNING US INTO SHADOWS!
THERE IS NO ESCAPE FOR THE PEOPLE OF RANN! NO MATTER HOW FAST THEY RUN, THE ECLIPSE BEAM OVERTAKES THEM AND...
IT'S CLEAR NOW WHY THE ALIENS SENT THE DARK GLOOM TO HEAT OUR HOMES--SO WE'D HAVE TO BE OUT IN THE OPEN...
...WHERE THE ECLIPSE SHADOW COULD CATCH AND DESTROY US!
THE MENACING DISC LOCKS INTO PLACE BETWEEN THE STAR-SUN AND ITS PLANET, FLOODING THE SURFACE WITH ITS DEADLY GREYNESS.
IT'S NO USE! WE'RE DOOMED!
WE CAN'T TAKE SHELTER ANY-WHERE!
SUDDENLY, ALANNA OF RANAGAR FEELS THE TINGLING OF THE BEAM AS IT ENFOLDS HER IN ITS GREY COLD...
ADAM, DON'T TRY TO SAVE ME! IF YOU ENTER THE BEAM OF THE ECLIPSE, YOU'LL TURN INTO A SHADOWY FIGURE TOO!
GOT TO TRY--NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO ME!
ARMS OUT TO CLASP THE GIRL HE LOVES, ADAM STRANGE HURTLES INTO THE BEAM AND...
IT'S NO USE, ADAM--THE SHADOW-DOOM HAS HIT YOU TOO!
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO US--NOW?


FOR A LONG MOMENT, ADAM AND ALANNA ARE SUSPENDED IN THE MISTY GREYNESS AROUND THEM, ALONG WITH OTHER SHADOWY FIGURES..
THEN THEIR FEET DROP ONTO FIRM GROUND AND...
WE'RE ON ANOTHER WORLD!
ADAM--MY BODY'S QUIVERING--SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO ME...
AS THEY STARE AT ONE ANOTHER, THEY REALIZE THAT THEY ARE CHANGING BACK TO THEIR NORMAL SHAPES...
ANY IDEA WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT, ADAM?
THE ECLIPSE BEAM MUST HAVE ALTERED OUR MOLECULAR STRUCTURE INTO THAT OF SHADOWS SO WE COULD MAKE THE TRIP BETWEEN RANN AND THIS WORLD! BUT WHERE IS THIS WORLD?
ADAM IS ANSWERED BY THE TELEPATHIC THOUGHTS OF AN UNUSUAL LIFE-FORM...
YOU ARE PRISONERS ON THE PLANET OF LLYRR--AS I AM TOO! HERE YOU WILL WAIT TO SERVE LLYRR--AFTER WHICH YOU'LL BE DESTROYED!
LLYRR IS THE LAST OF HIS KIND--A LONELY CREATURE UNABLE TO TRAVEL IN SPACE, WHO SEEKS BY SHARING THE LIFE-EXPERIENCES OF THE CREATURES DRAWN TO THIS WORLD TO ENRICH HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNIVERSE!


"LLYRR HAS TREMENDOUS MENTAL POWERS! HE IS ABLE TO ENTER INTO THE MIND OF ANOTHER CREATURE, RELIVING ITS ADVENTURES, ITS HOPES AND SORROWS, ITS JOYS AND FAILURES..."
BY PENETRATING THE MINDS OF THESE CRYSTAL CREATURES, I CAN SHARE THEIR LIFE-EXPERIENCES!
"VERY FEW TRAVELERS IN SPACE EVER CAME THIS WAY, HOWEVER--UNTIL A VANTOR SHIP LANDED HERE A SHORT TIME AGO..."
A NEW FORM OF INTELLIGENT LIFE! I SHALL JOIN MY MIND WITH ONE OF THEIRS!
"WHEN LLYRR FINISHED HIS MIND-PROBE, HIS VICTIM COLLAPSED--WHEREUPON THE VANTOR ATTACKED HIM WITH THEIR VACUUMIZER WEAPONS..."
OUR VACUUMIZERS HAVE NO EFFECT ON HIM!
WE'RE HELPLESS! HE'LL DESTROY US ALL--UNLESS--
"THEN THE VANTOR COMMANDER LEAPED FORWARD..."
HEAR ME, O MIGHTY ONE! SPARE ME AND MY PEOPLE--AND WE'LL BRING MANY VARIETIES OF INTELLIGENT LIFE HERE TO YOU--SO YOU CAN ENJOY THEIR EXPERIENCES!
WE ARE FEW IN NUMBER--BUT WE CAN POPULATE YOUR PLANET WITH SO MANY LIFE-FORMS THAT YOU'LL NEVER BE LONELY AGAIN!
HALF OF YOU MAY GO--TO SEND ME THE FIRST OF THESE LIFE-FORMS! WHEN THEY COME, I'LL RELEASE THE OTHERS!
"TO HELP THEM ENTRAP THESE 'EXCHANGE-PRISONERS' LLYRR GAVE THE VANTORS THE BLACK DISC..."
STAR-SUN LIGHT TRAVELING THROUGH THE DISC WILL ALTER THE MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF THE LIFE-FORMS' BODIES--CHANGING THEM TO SHADOWS--TRANSMITTING THEM HERE TO MY WORLD!


"THE VANTORS WENT TO MANY PLANETS AND WITH THE BLACK DISC AND ITS ECLIPSE BEAM, DREW OFF THEIR PEOPLE AND SENT THEM TO LLYRR'S WORLD..."
THERE ARE ENOUGH LIFE-FORMS HERE TO LAST ME A LIFETIME!
AS THE ENERGY-BEING FINISHES TELEPATHING ITS THOUGHTS...
HERE COMES LLYRR NOW! ADAM--IF HE CHOOSES ONE OF US AS HIS MIND-VICTIM, IT'LL MEAN THAT PERSON'S DOOM--
PUT YOUR GUN AWAY, HUMAN! IT'S TOO PUNY A WEAPON TO HAVE ANY EFFECT ON LLYRR!
THERE! LLYRR HAS CHOSEN HIS LATEST VICTIM! WE ALL HAVE A LITTLE WHILE YET TO LIVE...
THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY TO DEFEAT HIM!
THERE IS NO WAY! WE HAVE ALL TRIED! MANY LIFE-FORMS HERE HAVE TREMENDOUS MENTAL AND OTHER FORMS OF ENERGY--YET LLYRR IS SO MUCH SUPERIOR TO US THAT WE CANNOT EVEN DENT HIS MIND!
ADAM, IT'S HOPELESS! NOT EVEN YOU CAN VANQUISH LLYRR!
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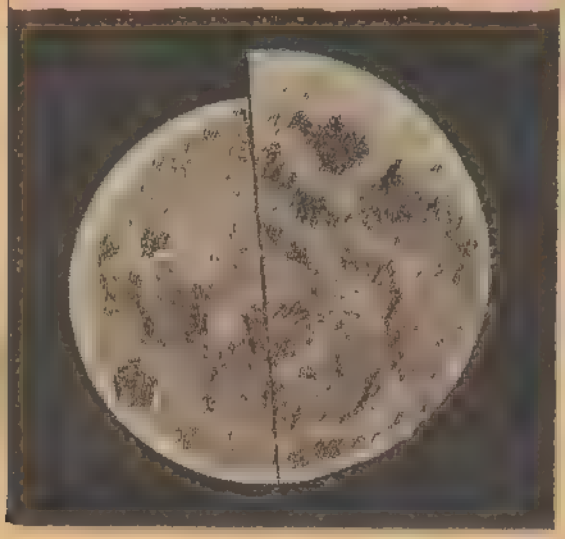

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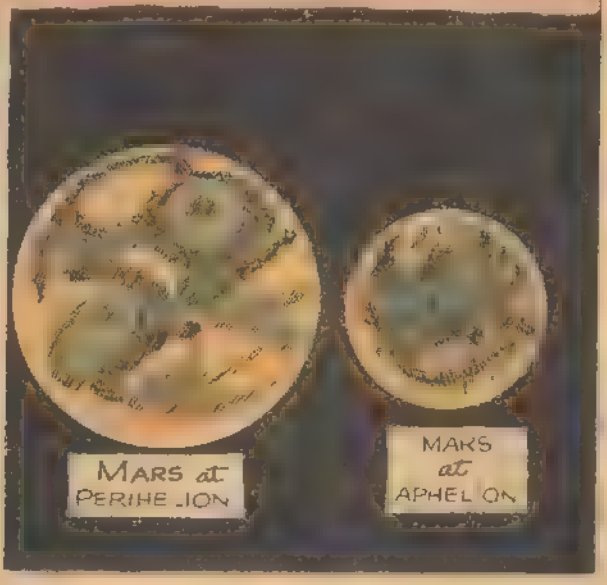

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SWIMMING
DON'T SWIM WHEN YOU'RE TIRED. ALWAYS SWIM WITH OTHERS. DON'T CALL FOR HELP AS A JOKE.
BOATING
DON'T OVERLOAD THE BOAT. DON'T CHANGE PLACES OR ROCK THE BOAT. DON'T GO WITHOUT LIFE PRESERVERS OR SOMEONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO ROW.
WHAT A DULL SWIMMING PARTY! HERE'S WHERE I HAVE SOME FUN WITH THAT NEW FELLOW, FRANK... MAYBE IT'LL MAKE SUSIE PAY SOME ATTENTION TO ME INSTEAD OF BUZZY!
HELP! HELP!
GOSH, HE'S DROWNING. I--I'D BETTER TRY TO SAVE HIM!
LOOK AT THAT-- WOLFIE'S PLAYING A PRACTICAL JOKE ON FRANK. HE'S NOT REALLY IN TROUBLE!
NO, BUT FRANK IS. HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO SWIM VERY WELL. COME ON, BUZZY, LET'S GO!
HA, HA, HA!
HOLD ON, BILL! A BOAT'S QUICKER AND SAFER FOR RESCUES THAN SWIMMING, IF IT'S HANDY!
OKAY, TAKE IT EASY-- WE'VE GOT YOU!
THAT WAS A NICE TRY FRANK, BUT KIND OF FOOLHARDY! YOU HAD NO BUSINESS BEING OUT IN THAT BOAT, TO START WITH!
IF PEOPLE WOULD ONLY FOLLOW THE SIMPLE RULES OF WATER SAFETY, WE WOULDN'T HAVE SO MANY ACCIDENTS.
GOSH, HE ALMOST DROWNED!
YES, AND ALL BECAUSE OF YOUR SO-CALLED SENSE OF HUMOR. SHAME ON YOU, WOLFIE!
BOY, I SURE GOT HER TO NOTICE ME --BUT THE WRONG WAY!

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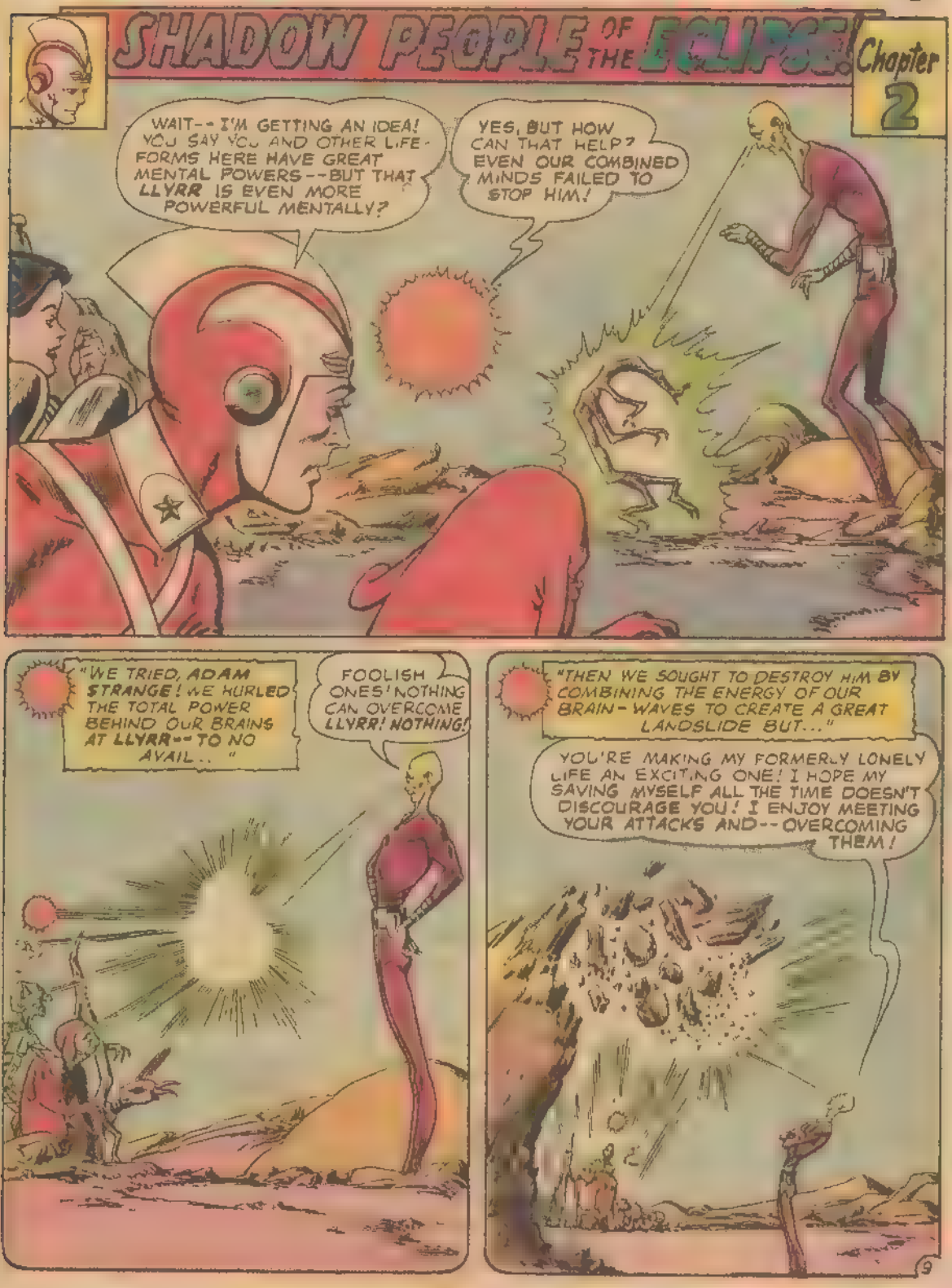
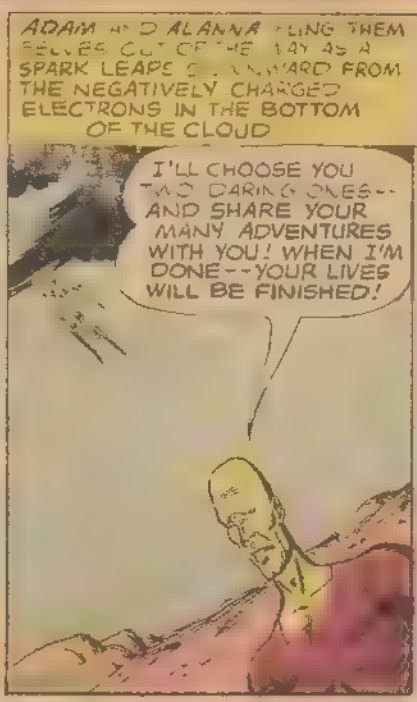

SHADOW PEOPLE OF THE ECLIPSE!
Chapter 2
WAIT--I'M GETTING AN IDEA! YOU SAY YOU AND OTHER LIFE-FORMS HERE HAVE GREAT MENTAL POWERS--BUT THAT LLYRR IS EVEN MORE POWERFUL MENTALLY?
YES, BUT HOW CAN THAT HELP? EVEN OUR COMBINED MINDS FAILED TO STOP HIM!
"WE TRIED, ADAM STRANGE! WE HURLED THE TOTAL POWER BEHIND OUR BRAINS AT LLYRR--TO NO AVAIL.."
FOOLISH ONES! NOTHING CAN OVERCOME LLYRR! NOTHING!
"THEN WE SOUGHT TO DESTROY HIM BY COMBINING THE ENERGY OF OUR BRAIN-WAVES TO CREATE A GREAT LANDSLIDE BUT..."
YOU'RE MAKING MY FORMERLY LONELY LIFE AN EXCITING ONE! I HOPE MY SAVING MYSELF ALL THE TIME DOESN'T DISCOURAGE YOU! I ENJOY MEETING YOUR ATTACKS AND--OVERCOMING THEM!

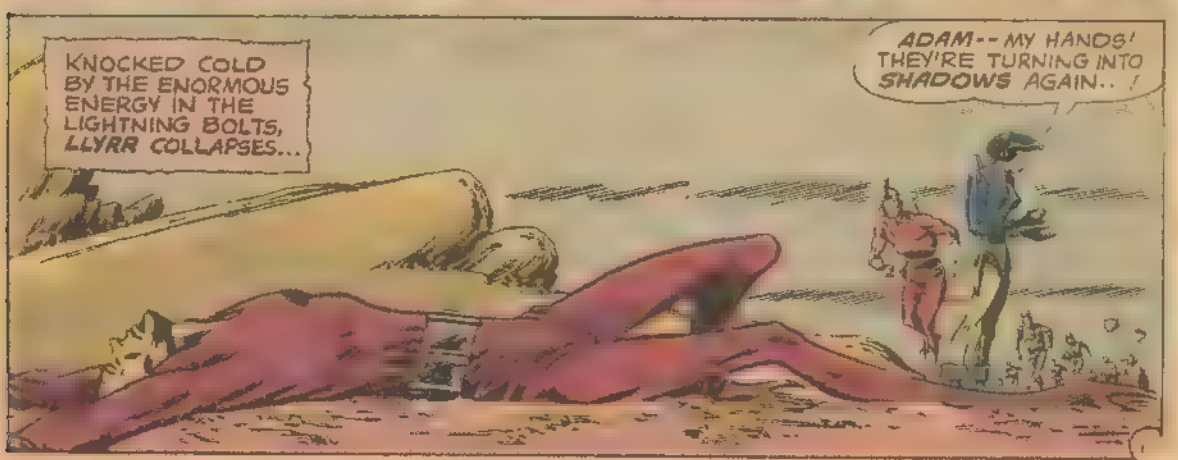
CAN YOU THINK OF SOME WAY TO DEFEAT LLYRR THAT WE HAVE NOT?
I THINK SO! LOOK! HERE COMES A DARK THUNDERCLOUD BEING BLOWN THIS WAY BY HIGH ALITUTUDE WINDS
EVERY THUNDERHEAD IS CHARGED ELECTRICALLY, SINCE IT CONTAINS MILLIONS OF WATER DROPS EACH CHARGED WITH A POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE CHARGE! THE POSITIVELY CHARGED DROPS CLUSTER AT THE TOP OF THE CLOUD, THE NEGATIVELY CHARGED ONES AT THE BOTTOM
WHEN THE ACCUMULATION OF THESE CHARGES BECOMES GREAT ENOUGH SPARKS ARE PRODUCED AS THE AIR IS HEATED BY THE ELECTRONS THESE SPARKS WHEN JOINED BECOME A BOLT OF LIGHTNING! NOW THIS IS MY IDEA
WITHIN SECONDS AS THE DARK STORM CLOUD APPROACHES, THE ENERGY-BEING SENDS OUT A MENTAL CALL TO ITS FELLOW PRISONERS
ALL THOUGHT IS ELECTRICAL IN NATURE! I'M HOPING THAT BY BOMBARDING THE ALREADY CHARGED CLOUD WITH THE ADDED ENERGY IN OUR THOUGHT-WAVES - WE CAN CAUSE LIGHTNING TO FORM.
THE MANY THOUSANDS OF ALIEN PRISONERS COMBINE WITH THE PEOPLE OF RANN AND OTHER HUMAN CAPTIVES TO SEND THEIR MENTAL ENERGY UPWARD TOWARD THE STORM CLOUD

AS THE THUNDER CLOUD APPROACHES ADAM AND ALANNA RACE AWAY FROM THE OTHER MAN GUN BLASTING AT LLYRR...
I'VE GOT TO DRAW LLYRR INTO POSITION UNDER THE CLOUD AND HOPE MY PLAN WORKS!

SIDE BY SIDE EARTH-MAN AND RANN-GIRL FACE BEFORE THE EYE-RAYS EMITTED BY THE AWESOME LLYRR...
CAREFUL, ADAM! IF LLYRR HITS YOU WITH THAT BEAM OF HIS--IT'LL VAPORIZE YOU!


ADAM AND ALANNA FLING THEMSELVES OUT OF THE WAY AS A SPARK LEAPS UPWARD FROM THE NEGATIVELY CHARGED ELECTRONS IN THE BOTTOM OF THE CLOUD
I'LL CHOOSE YOU TWO DARING ONES--AND SHARE YOUR MANY ADVENTURES WITH YOU! WHEN I'M DONE--YOUR LIVES WILL BE FINISHED!

ALL THIS WHILE THE UNSUSPECTING LLYRR IS BEING CHARGED WITH POSITIVE ELECTRONS BY THE ACCUMULATED ACTION OF A MILLION MINDS OPERATING AS ONE..
OHHHH! SO MUCH VOLTAGE--GOING THROUGH MY BODY--IS OVERCOMING ME! I'M--BLACKING OUT--LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS!
ZZZTTT!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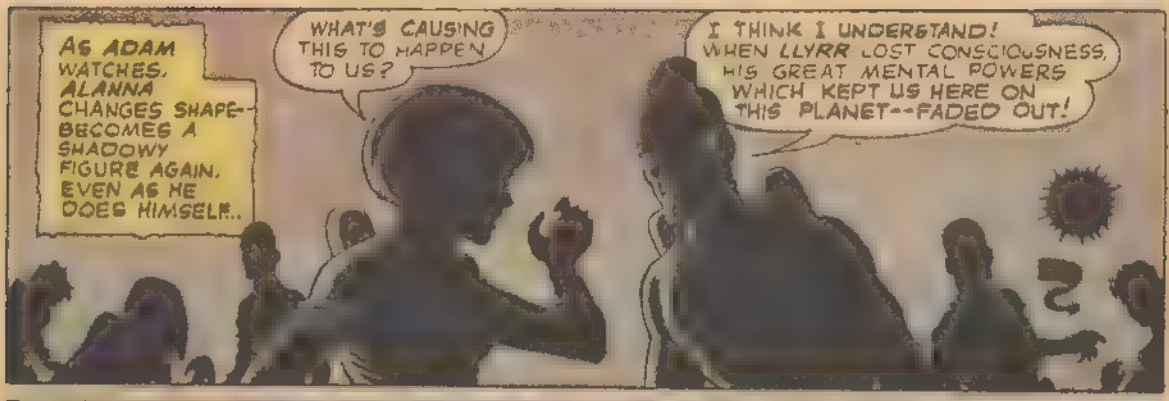
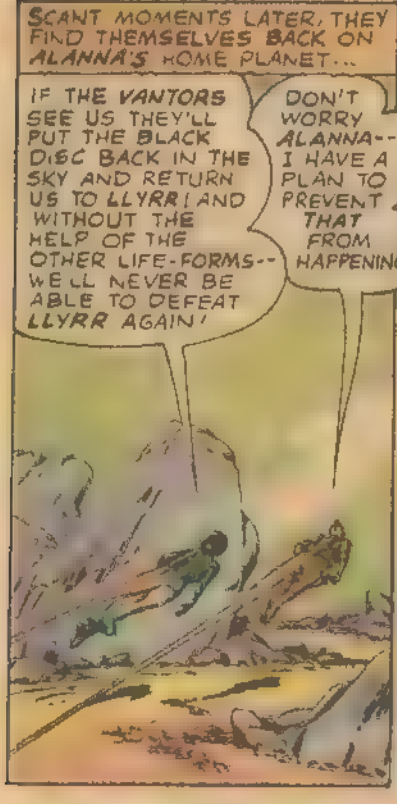
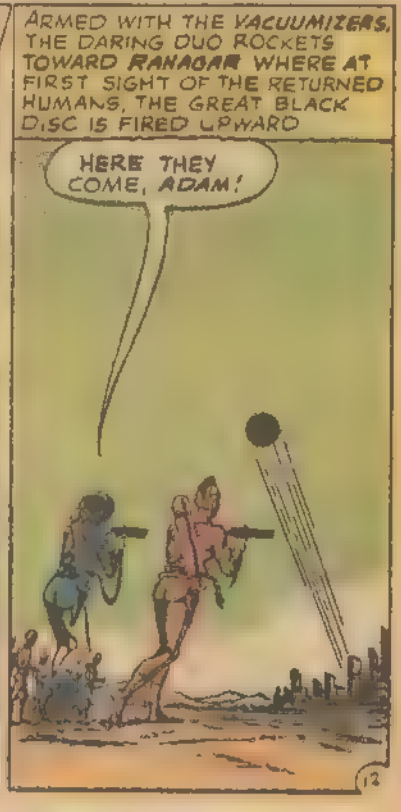
ADAM--MY HANDS! THEY'RE TURNING INTO SHADOWS AGAIN..!


AS ADAM WATCHES, ALANNA CHANGES SHAPE--BECOMES A SHADOWY FIGURE AGAIN, EVEN AS HE DOES HIMSELF..
WHAT'S CAUSING THIS TO HAPPEN TO US?
I THINK I UNDERSTAND! WHEN LLYRR LOST CONSCIOUSNESS, HIS GREAT MENTAL POWERS WHICH KEPT US HERE ON THIS PLANET--FADED OUT!

ALL AROUND THEM THE MANY LIFE FORMS OF THE PRISONERS OF LLYRR ALSO BECOME SHADOWY CREATURES--THEN FADE AWAY...
NOW I EXPECT WE WILL BE DRAWN BACK TO RANN--JUST AS I'M DRAWN BACK TO EARTH WHEN THE ZETA-BEAM WEARS OFF ME!


SCANT MOMENTS LATER, THEY FIND THEMSELVES BACK ON ALANNA'S HOME PLANET...
IF THE VANTORS SEE US THEY'LL PUT THE BLACK DISC BACK IN THE SKY AND RETURN US TO LLYRR! AND WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE OTHER LIFE-FORMS--WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO DEFEAT LLYRR AGAIN!
DON'T WORRY ALANNA--I HAVE A PLAN TO PREVENT THAT FROM HAPPENING!

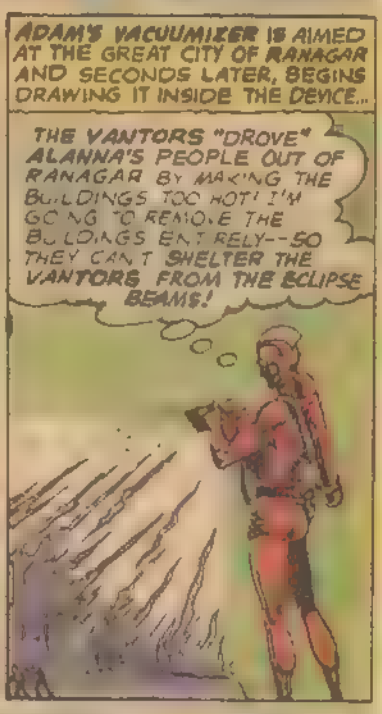
LATER AT THE SECRET ARSENAL AT CRATER ISLAND...
WITH THESE VACUUMIZER WEAPONS WE ORGINALLY TOOK FROM THE VANTORS, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO OVERCOME THEM!
I CERTAINLY HOPE SO!

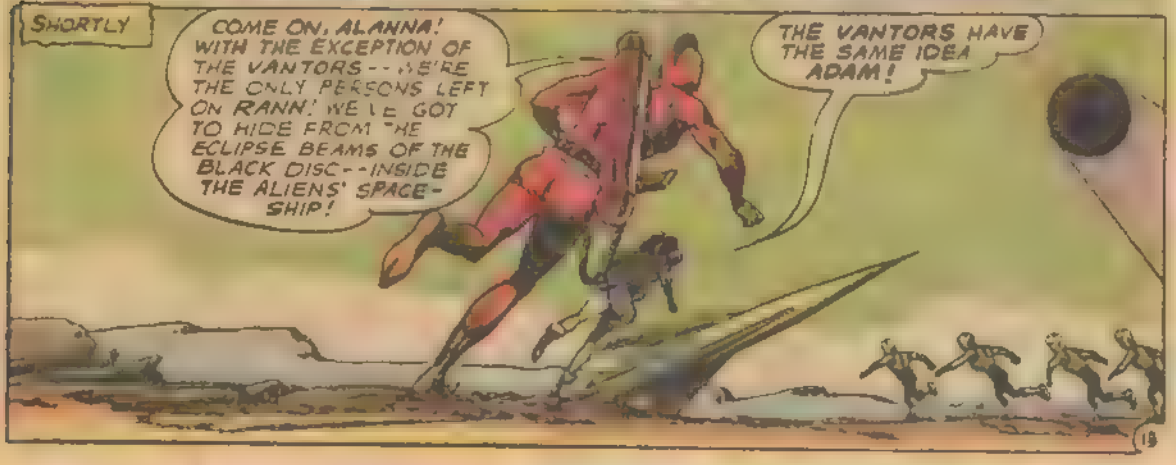

ARMED WITH THE VACUUMIZERS, THE DARING DUO ROCKETS TOWARD RANAGAR WHERE AT FIRST SIGHT OF THE RETURNED HUMANS, THE GREAT BLACK DISC IS FIRED UPWARD
HERE THEY COME, ADAM!

AS THE VANTORS APPROACH, THE EARTH-MAN AND RANN-GIRL TURN ON THE CONTROLS OF THE VACUUMIZERS, BUT...
IT DID YOU NO GOOD TO ESCAPE LLYRR--FOR WHEN THE BLACK DISC GOES INTO ORBIT, ITS ECLIPSE BEAM WILL SEND YOU BACK TO HIM!
THE VACUUMIZERS DON'T ACT ON THEM! LLYRR MUST HAVE TOLD THE VANTORS HOW TO SAFEGUARD THEMSELVES FROM THEM!

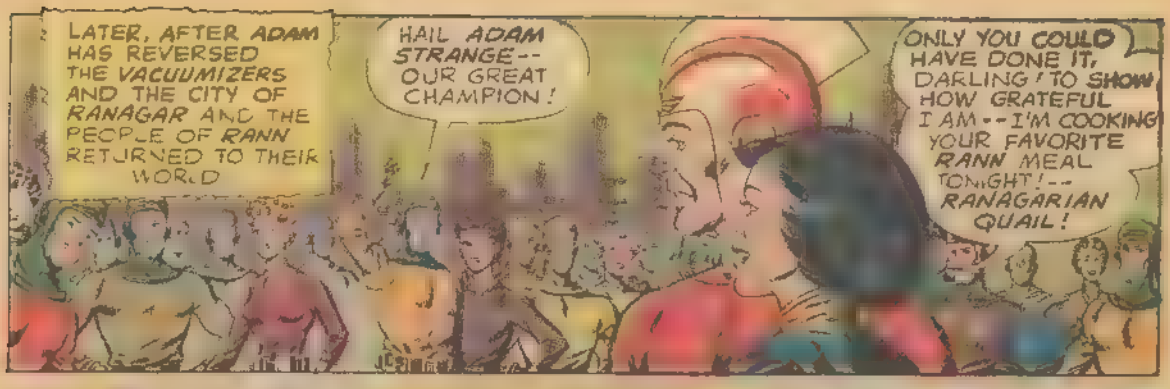
THAT LEAVES US ONLY ONE THING TO DO! ALANNA--TURN YOUR VACUUMIZER ON THE PEOPLE OF RANN! DRAW THEM ALL INTO IT!
WHAAAT??

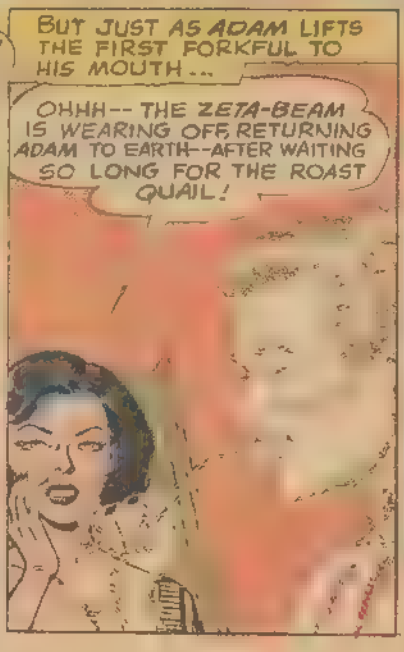
HER LIPS QUIVERING WITH UNASKED QUESTIONS, ALANNA OBEDIENTLY OBEYS ADAM'S COMMAND.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT ADAM'S UP TO--BUT HE ALWAYS HAS A GOOD REASON FOR EVERYTHING--SO HERE GOES!


ADAM'S VACUUMIZER IS AIMED AT THE GREAT CITY OF RANAGAR AND SECONDS LATER, BEGINS DRAWING IT INSIDE THE DEVICE...
THE VANTORS "DROVE" ALANNA'S PEOPLE OUT OF RANAGAR BY MAKING THE BUILDINGS TOO HOT! I'M GOING TO REMOVE THE BUILDINGS ENTIRELY--SO THEY CAN'T SHELTER THE VANTORS FROM THE ECLIPSE BEAMS!


SHORTLY
COME ON, ALANNA! WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE VANTORS--WE'RE THE ONLY PERSONS LEFT ON RANN! WE'VE GOT TO HIDE FROM THE ECLIPSE BEAMS OF THE BLACK DISC--INSIDE THE ALIENS' SPACESHIP!
THE VANTORS HAVE THE SAME IDEA ADAM!

BARRELING FORWARD AT TOP SPEED THE EARTHMAN KNOCKS OUT TWO OF THE FOREMOST VANTORS
INTO THE SPACE-SHIP HONEY-- ON THE DOUBLE.
HIS RAY-GUN ON STUN - ADAM DROPS THREE MORE VANTORS
IF THAT ECLIPSE BEAM HITS WE'LL BE TRANSPORTED TO LLYRR'S PLANET ALONG WITH THE VANTORS!
ADAM--HURRY! THE DISC RAY IS ALMOST UP TO YOU!
IN THE ACT BURST OF SPEED ADAM STRANGE LEAVES HIS FEET.
GOT TO MAKE IT NOW--OR NEVER!
MADE IT
CLOSE THE DOOR
THEN THE ECLIPSE BEAM BATHES THE GROUND AND ONE AFTER THE OTHER THE VANTORS BECOME SHADOWS --THEN DISAPPEAR
THE VANTORS BY THEMSELVES WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO ESCAPE LLYRR! WE'VE WON, ADAM-- WE'VE WON!


LATER, AFTER ADAM HAS REVERSED THE VACUUMIZERS AND THE CITY OF RANAGAR AND THE PEOPLE OF RANN RETURNED TO THEIR WORLD
HAIL ADAM STRANGE--OUR GREAT CHAMPION!
ONLY YOU COULD HAVE DONE IT, DARLING! TO SHOW HOW GRATEFUL I AM--I'M COOKING YOUR FAVORITE RANN MEAL TONIGHT!--RANAGARIAN QUAIL!


BUT JUST AS ADAM LIFTS THE FIRST FORKFUL TO HIS MOUTH...
OHHH--THE ZETA-BEAM IS WEARING OFF, RETURNING ADAM TO EARTH--AFTER WAITING SO LONG FOR THE ROAST QUAIL!

ADAM FINISHES HIS ONLY MOUTHFUL OF HIS FAVORITE MEAL--ON EARTH..
I MUST REMEMBER TO TELL ALANNA WHEN NEXT I GO TO RANN--THAT SHE'S THE BEST COOK ON TWO WORLDS!
THE END

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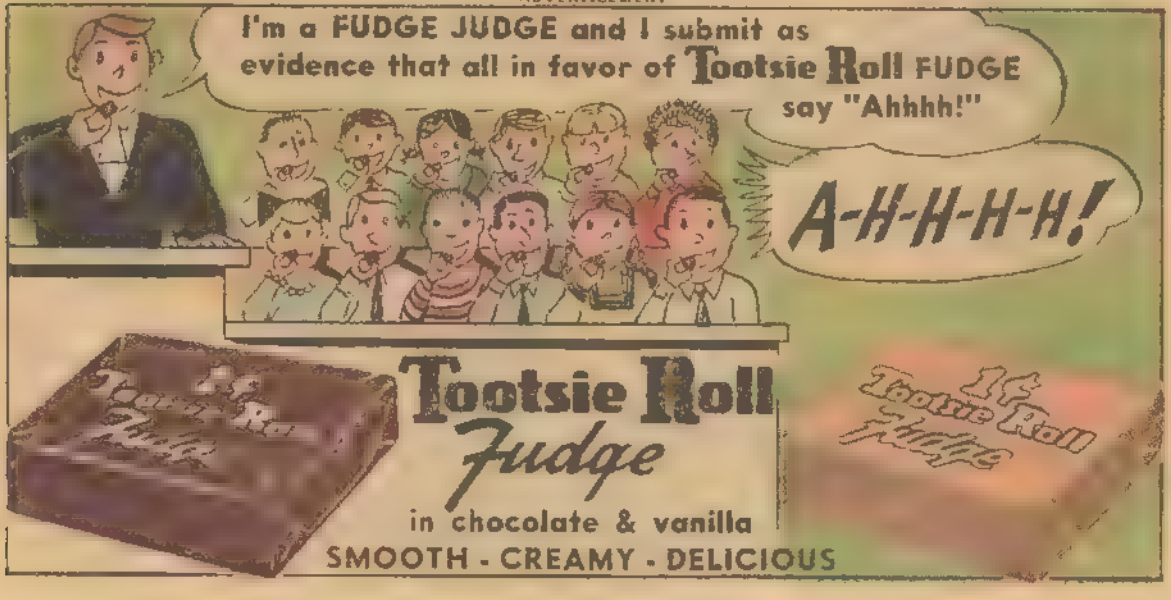
I'm a FUDGE JUDGE and I submit as evidence that all in favor of Tootsie Roll FUDGE say "Ahhhh!"
A-H-H-H-H!
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WONDERS of SPACE

Dear Editor: I think you pulled a mean trick on *Adam Strange* fans in "Planet that Came to a Standstill!" Your writer handled the situation superbly, developing the relationship between *Adam* and *Alanna* and her people, at the same time diminishing the one between *Adam* and Earth. Then, just when *Adam* and *Alanna* could have been married, and Earth would have lost one of her sons, you let the whole purpose of the story collapse

Adam is not interested in Earth or the *Justice League*, but in *Alanna* and her people. You cannot have him serving both and expect the series to continue as popularly as it has.

Keith Wichman, 944 Congress, Costa Mesa, Cal.

(Honestly, would you really want us to fulfill what you imply is the purpose of the *Adam Strange* series—have him marry *Alanna* and live the rest of his life on *Rann*? We'd like to believe you were attracted to this series because of the unique way *Adam* travels to *Rann*—sharing with *Adam* the suspenseful moment of what new danger he's going to find on each of his visits there—his timely (and untimely) returns to Earth. To eliminate such key elements would rob the series of its charm, novelty, originality—and robbers we're not!—*Editor*)

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Dear Editor: While it may malign the ending of an otherwise remarkable story ("The Planet that Came to a Standstill"), I think the author goofed

In the aforementioned story, *Adam* defeated *Kanjar Ro* with a metal from the villain's own planet, making a comparison with *Kryptonite*. However, *Superman* is vulnerable to *Kryptonite* only because it is material formed by the nuclear destruction of the planet *Krypton* from internal forces. Material from *Krypton* prior to its destruction would theoretically have no effect on *Superman*. As it had not been stated anywhere in the story that the planet *Dhor* was similarly destroyed, there is no real basis for the effect that the metal had on *Kanjar Ro*. To provide an adequate solution to the story, it could have been established that *Adam* exposed the metal to a nuclear force prior to using it against *Kanjar Ro*.

Gerald M. Berkowitz,
20 E. Goethe St., Chicago 11, Ill.

(There were any number of ways we *could* have covered the fallacy you point out—if we had realized it! Blame it all on our lapse of memory concerning the properties of *Kryptonite*.—*Editor*)

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Dear Editor: I recently saw a thrilling motion picture spectacle full of action and suspense. On my way home from the theater, I stopped at a newsstand and purchased the May *MIS*.

As I turned the first page, I seemed to feel myself drift away from everyday life, into the currents of absorbing imagination. I was sharing the beautiful view that *Alanna* and *Adam* saw of the "Aurora Borealis" from *Rann*. Suddenly I was in the midst of their plight as they were swept away from *Rann*. The stunning drawings made me observe *Kanjar Ro's* awesome destruction of the *Justice League* mannikins with extraordinary realism. And when *Adam's* wits finally overcame *Kanjar Ro's* powers, it never occurred to me that I was not fighting with *Adam* against the space-villain.

For all the excitement and great suspense the spectacle movie produced, it could not compete with the amazing vividness and drama in your story, "Planet that Came to a Standstill!"—the greatest comic magazine story I have ever read!

Pell Osborn, 237 Merion Rd., Merion Sta., Pa.

(Such a rewarding letter should not go unrewarded. See EDITOR'S NOTE at the bottom.—*Editor*)

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Dear Editor: Here's my opinion of the way Carmine Infantino handled the members of the *Justice League* in "Planet that Came to a Standstill":

Superman—Excellent! Infantino usually depicts slimly-built heroes, but he gave *Superman* all his bulging muscles in their full glory.

Batman—Fair.

Flash—Perfect, naturally, since Infantino is his regular artist

Green Lantern—Excellent! Better than I expected, although the "Infantino touch" invaded some panels.

Wonder Woman—Bad.

Aquaman—Very good.

J'onn J'onzz—Good.

Snapper Carr—Infantino's version of him was great.

John Santino, Jr.,
52 Woodard Rd., W. Roxbury 32, Mass.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Happy Award Greetings to Keith Wichman who cops the original cover illustration for "Planet that Came to a Standstill!"; Gerald Berkowitz wins the artwork pages for Chapter 1 of "Planet that Came to a Standstill"; Chapter 2 goes to Pell Osborn; Chapter 3 is the proud possession of John Santino, Jr.

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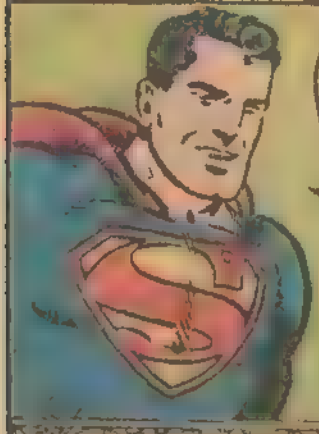

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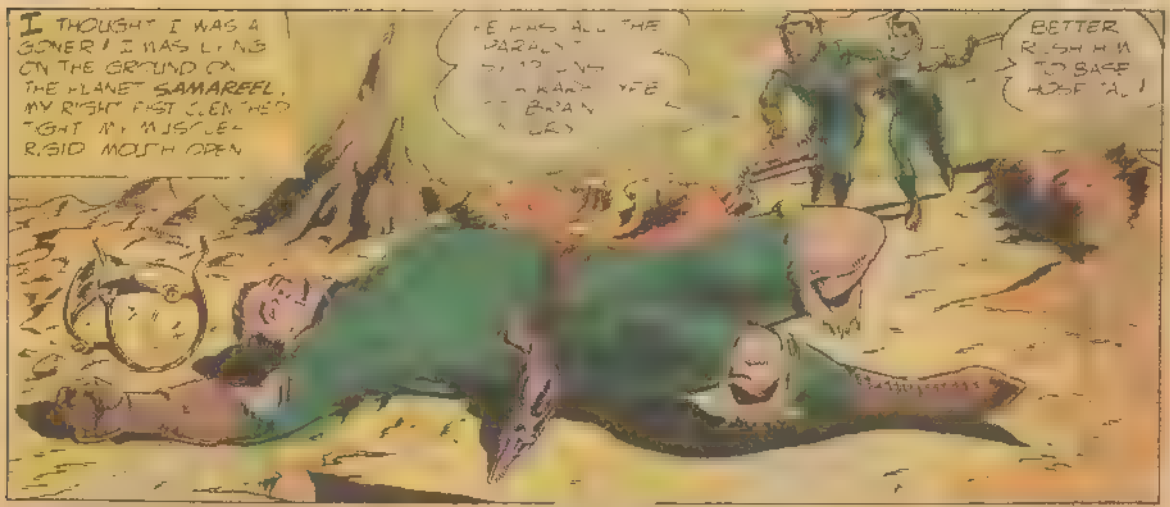
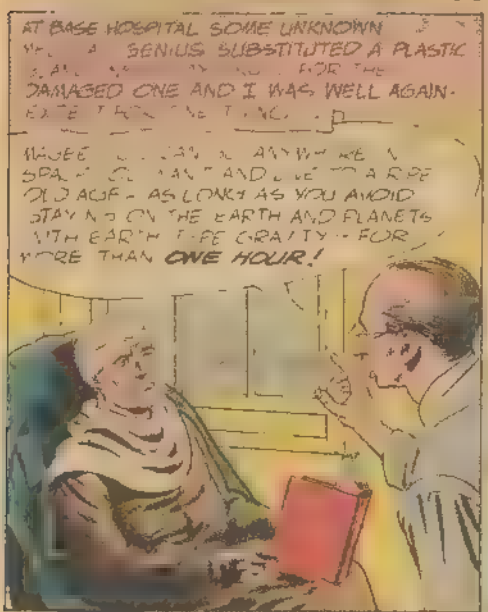
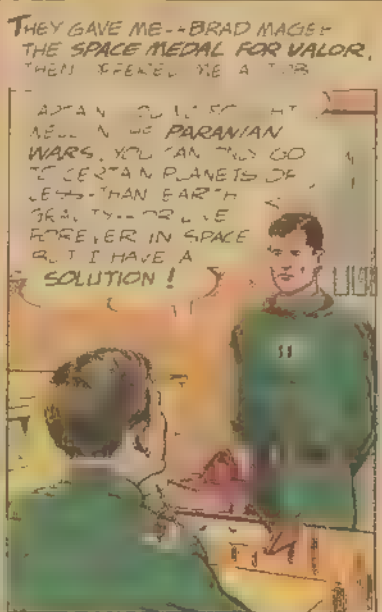
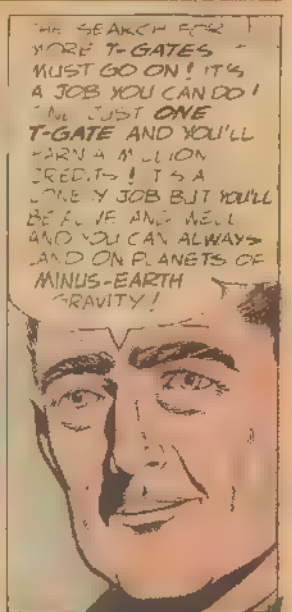
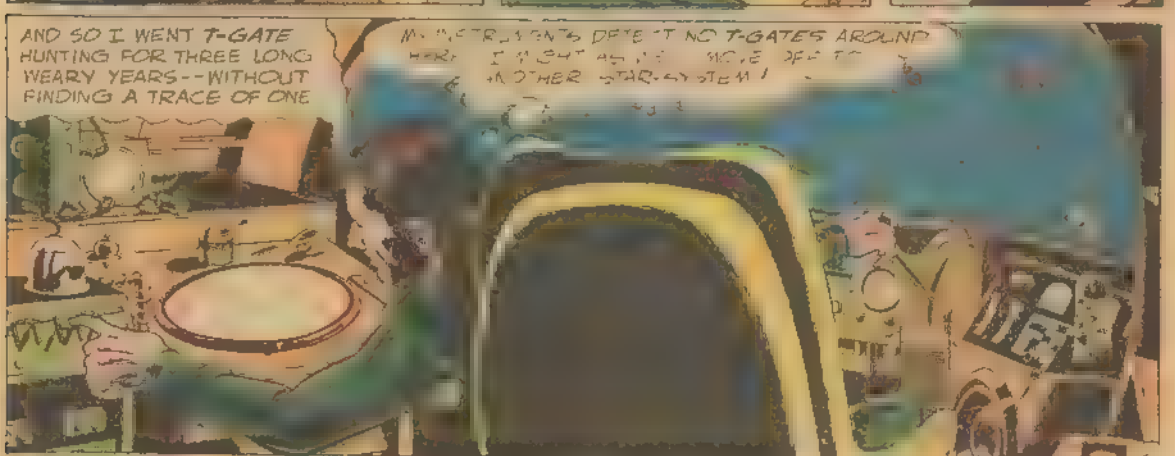
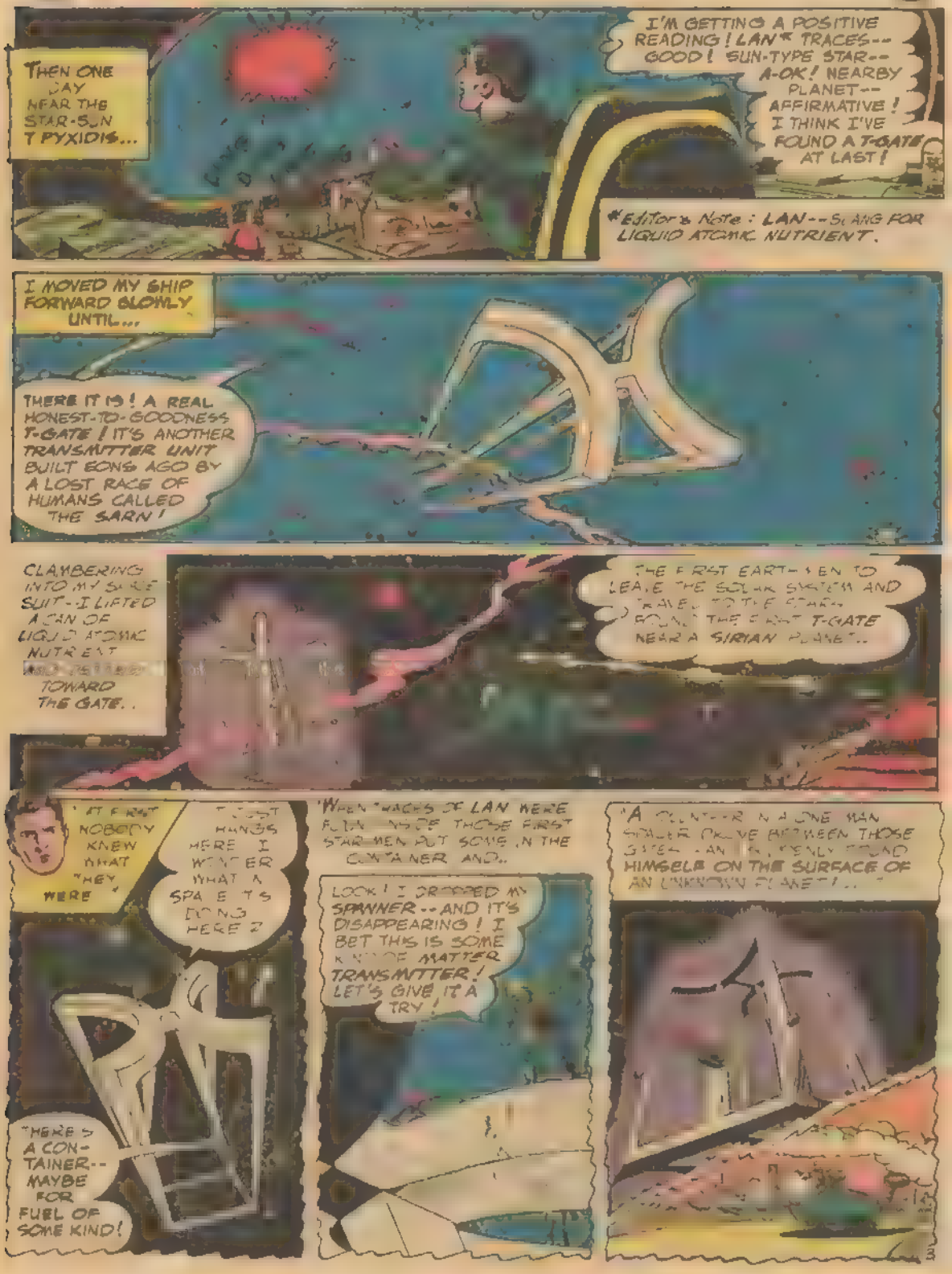

I THOUGHT I WAS A GONER! I WAS LYING ON THE GROUND ON THE PLANET SAMAREEL. MY RIGHT FIST CLENCHED TIGHT, MY MUSCLES RIGID, MOUTH OPEN
HE HAS ALL THE PARALYZING POWER OF A MAN-EATING BRAIN LEECH
BETTER RUSH HIM TO BASE HOSPITAL!


AT BASE HOSPITAL SOME UNKNOWN MEDICAL GENIUS SUBSTITUTED A PLASTIC [illegible] FOR THE DAMAGED ONE AND I WAS WELL AGAIN-EXCEPT FOR ONE THING.
MAYBE I CAN BE ANYWHERE IN SPACE OR ON ANY PLANET AND LIVE TO A RIPE OLD AGE - AS LONG AS YOU AVOID STAYING ON THE EARTH AND PLANETS WITH EARTH-TYPE GRAVITY - FOR MORE THAN ONE HOUR!


THEY GAVE ME--BRAD MAGEE--THE SPACE MEDAL FOR VALOR, THEN OFFERED ME A JOB
AS AN OUTCAST I WILL NEVER BE PARANIAN WARS. YOU CAN ONLY GO TO CERTAIN PLANETS OF LESS-THAN EARTH GRAVITY--OR LIVE FOREVER IN SPACE BUT I HAVE A SOLUTION!


THE SEARCH FOR MORE T-GATES MUST GO ON! IT'S A JOB YOU CAN DO! I'M JUST ONE T-GATE AND YOU'LL EARN A MILLION CREDITS! IT'S A LONELY JOB BUT YOU'LL BE ALIVE AND WELL AND YOU CAN ALWAYS LAND ON PLANETS OF MINUS-EARTH GRAVITY!


AND SO I WENT T-GATE HUNTING FOR THREE LONG WEARY YEARS--WITHOUT FINDING A TRACE OF ONE
MY INSTRUMENTS DETECT NO T-GATES AROUND HERE. I MIGHT AS WELL MOVE OFF TO ANOTHER STAR-SYSTEM!


THEN ONE DAY NEAR THE STAR-SUN T PYXIDIS...
I'M GETTING A POSITIVE READING! LAN* TRACES--GOOD! SUN-TYPE STAR--A-OK! NEARBY PLANET--AFFIRMATIVE! I THINK I'VE FOUND A T-GATE AT LAST!
*Editor's Note: LAN--SLANG FOR LIQUID ATOMIC NUTRIENT.
I MOVED MY SHIP FORWARD SLOWLY UNTIL...
THERE IT IS! A REAL HONEST-TO-GOODNESS T-GATE! IT'S ANOTHER TRANSMITTER UNIT BUILT EONS AGO BY A LOST RACE OF HUMANS CALLED THE SARN!
CLAMBERING INTO MY SUIT--I LIFTED A CAN OF LIQUID ATOMIC NUTRIENT TOWARD THE GATE..
THE FIRST EARTHMEN TO LEAVE THE SOLAR SYSTEM AND TRAVEL TO THE STARS FOUND THE FIRST T-GATE NEAR A SIRIAN PLANET..
AT FIRST NOBODY KNEW WHAT THEY WERE
I WONDER WHAT A SPACE TS DOING HERE?
THERE'S A CONTAINER--MAYBE FOR FUEL OF SOME KIND!
WHEN TRACES OF LAN WERE FOUND INSIDE THOSE FIRST STAR-MEN PUT SOME IN THE CONTAINER AND..
LOOK! I DROPPED MY SPANNER--AND IT'S DISAPPEARING! I BET THIS IS SOME KIND OF MATTER TRANSMITTER! LET'S GIVE IT A TRY!
A CENTAUR NAMED MAN STALKER DRIVE BETWEEN THOSE STARS--AND IS SUDDENLY FOUND HIMSELF ON THE SURFACE OF AN UNKNOWN PLANET!..

"THIS FIND OPENED ALL GALACTIC SPACE TO EARTHMEN THANKS TO THIS T-GATE -- AND A FEW OTHERS THAT WERE LATER FOUND. A TRIP WHICH ORDINARILY WOULD HAVE TAKEN A HUNDRED OR A THOUSAND YEARS COULD BE MADE IN A SPLIT— SECOND!."

EVERY CITY WE FIND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF A T-GATE IS PERFECT! NOTHING DESTROYED...

BUT WHERE ARE THE SARN PEOPLE WHO BUILT IT? WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?

"IT WAS A MYSTERY NOBODY COULD SOLVE! IN THE CENTURY THAT FOLLOWED, EARTHMEN REFUELED ALL THE T-GATES THEY COULD FIND, LIVED IN SARN CITIES AND ENJOYED SARN PLANETS..."

WE MUST FIND MORE T-GATES! EACH OF THEM MEANS THAT WE INHERIT A PLANET ENOUGH LIKE EARTH TO BE HABITABLE!

I WAS A LUCKY GUY ALL RIGHT! I'D JUST FOUND A BRAND-NEW T-GATE WORTH A MILLION CREDITS IN ANY STAR BANK

I'LL FUEL HER UP WITH LAN -- THEN SPACE-VOX A TESTER SHIP TO GIVE IT A TRY!

BUT LUCK CAN WORK BOTH WAYS! JUST BEFORE I FINISHED REFUELING THE CONTAINER -- T-PYXIDIS NOVAED* AND

SHOCK WAVES FROM THE NOVA HIT ME -- DROVE ME OFF THE T-GATE AND RIGHT THROUGH IT!

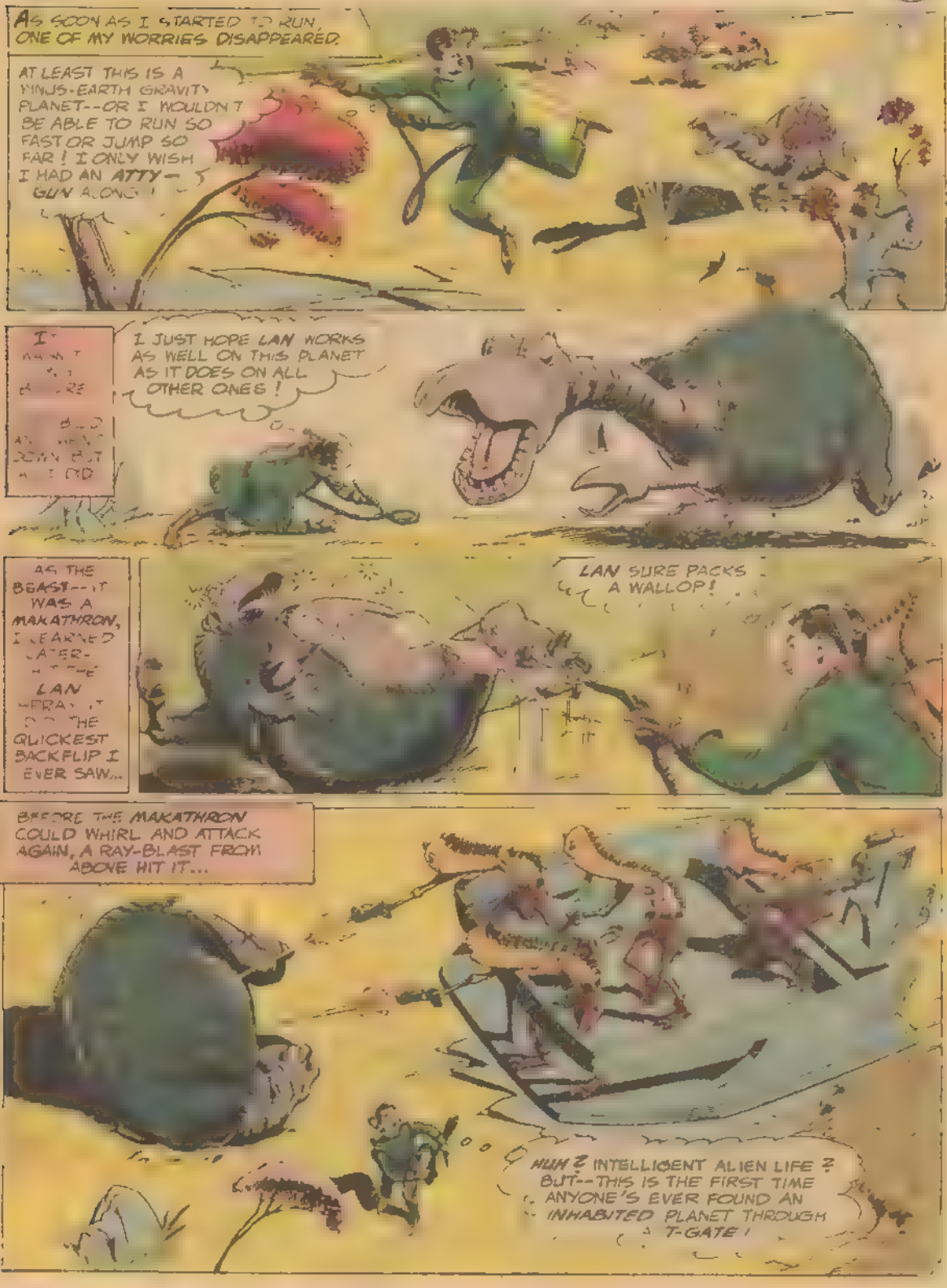
*EDITOR'S NOTE -- A NOVA IS A STAR WHICH UNDERGOES A SUDDEN INCREASE IN BRIGHTNESS.

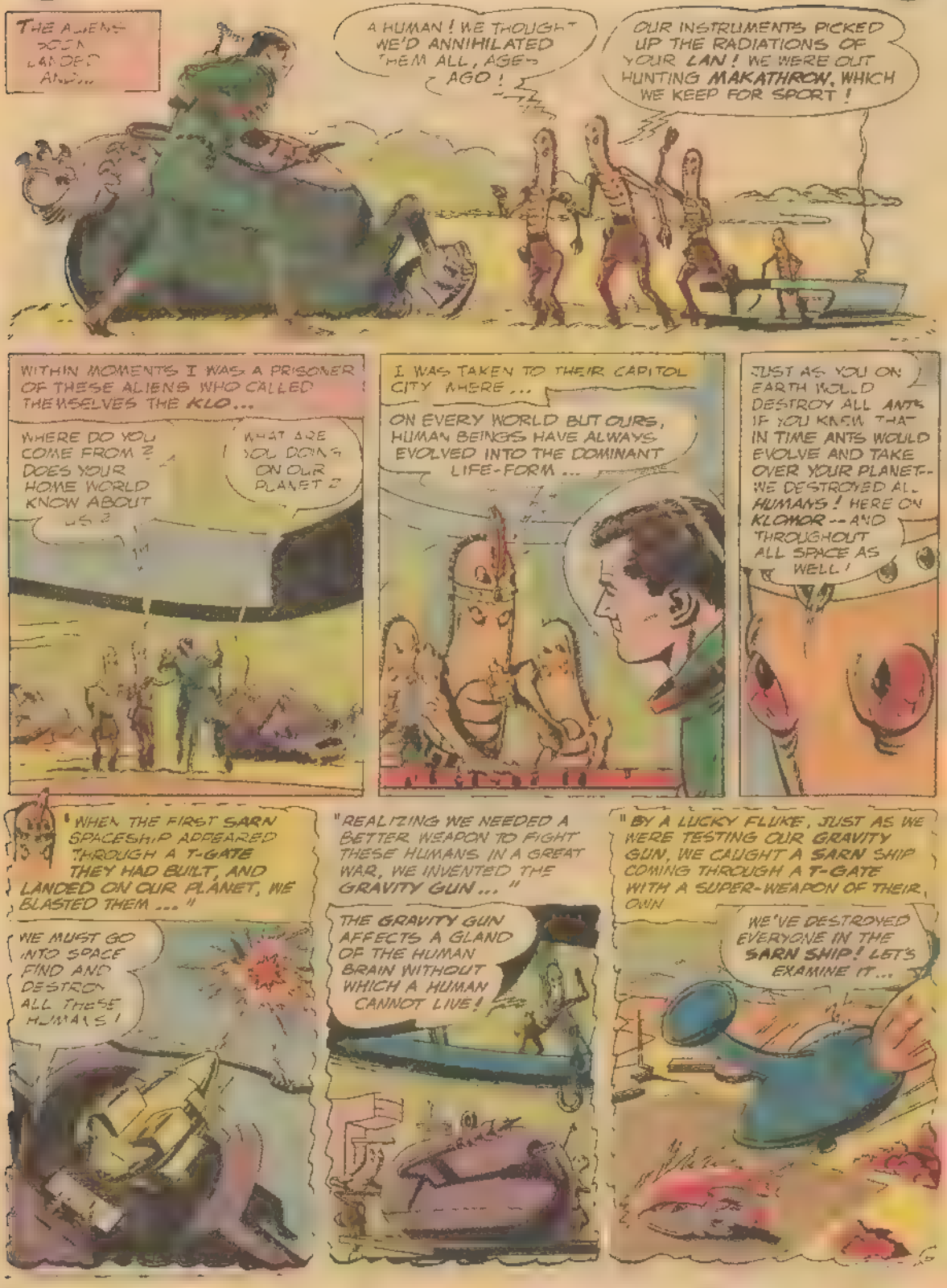
THE TITANIC BLAST HAD KNOCKED ME COLD! WHEN I CAME TO

I'M ON A PLANET WITH NO WAY OF GETTING OFF! IF IT'S AN EARTH GRAVITY WORLD -- I'LL BE DEAD IN AN HOUR!

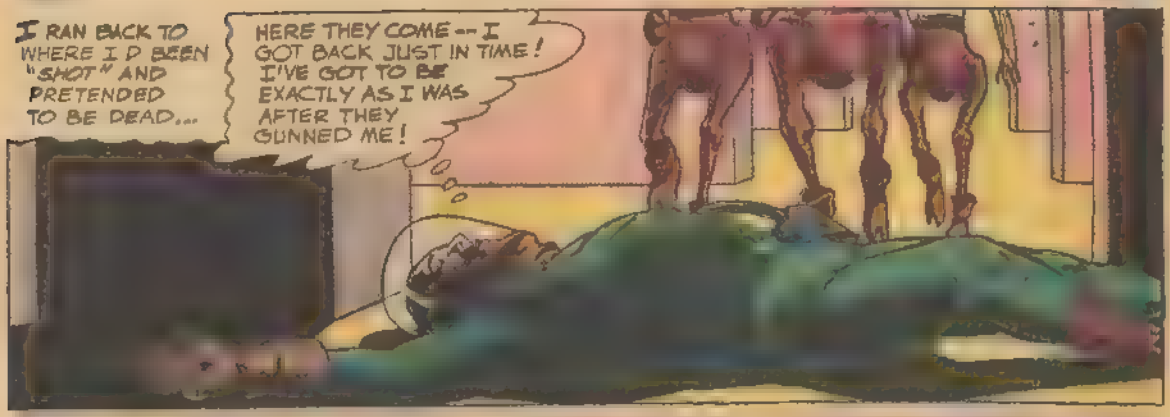
SUDDENLY I REALIZED I MIGHT BE DEAD IN A LOT LESS TIME, FOR

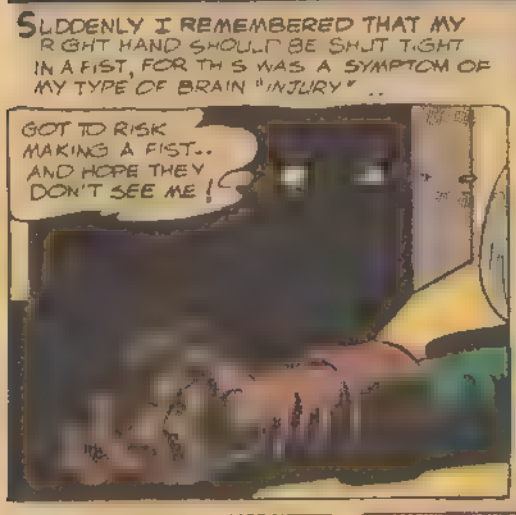
NEVER SAW A BEAST LIKE THAT BEFORE.. BUT IF I'M ANY JUDGE OF APPEARANCES IT'S MIGHTY HUNGRY AND I -- LOOK LIKE A TASTY MEAL!

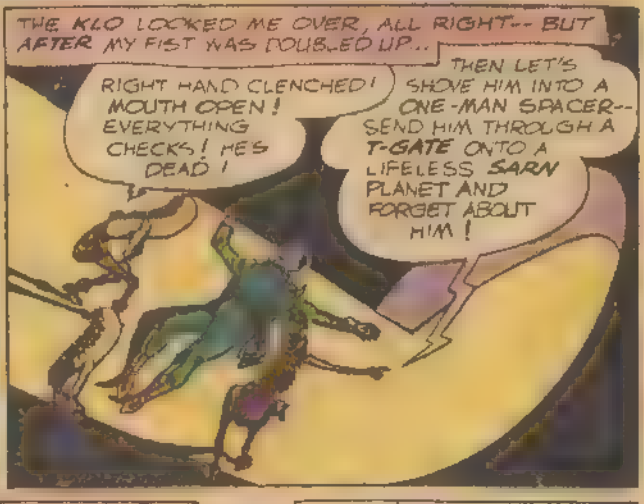

AS SOON AS I STARTED TO RUN, ONE OF MY WORRIES DISAPPEARED.
AT LEAST THIS IS A VENUS-EARTH GRAVITY PLANET--OR I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO RUN SO FAST OR JUMP SO FAR! I ONLY WISH I HAD AN ATTY-GUY ALONG!
I JUST HOPE LAN WORKS AS WELL ON THIS PLANET AS IT DOES ON ALL OTHER ONES!
AS THE BEAST--IT WAS A MAKATHRON, I LEARNED LATER--WAS ATTACKING LAN, HE DID THE QUICKEST BACKFLIP I EVER SAW...
LAN SURE PACKS A WALLOP!
BEFORE THE MAKATHRON COULD WHIRL AND ATTACK AGAIN, A RAY-BLAST FROM ABOVE HIT IT...
HUH? INTELLIGENT ALIEN LIFE? BUT--THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANYONE'S EVER FOUND AN INHABITED PLANET THROUGH A T-GATE!

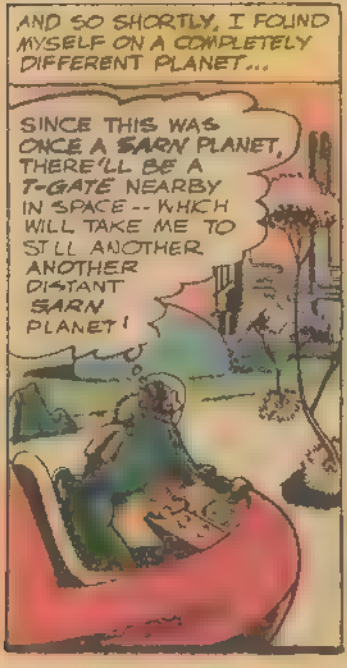

THE ALIENS SOON LANDED AND...
A HUMAN! WE THOUGHT WE'D ANNIHILATED THEM ALL, AGES AGO!
OUR INSTRUMENTS PICKED UP THE RADIATIONS OF YOUR LAN! WE WERE OUT HUNTING MAKATHROW, WHICH WE KEEP FOR SPORT!
WITHIN MOMENTS I WAS A PRISONER OF THESE ALIENS WHO CALLED THEMSELVES THE KLO...
WHERE DO YOU COME FROM? DOES YOUR HOME WORLD KNOW ABOUT US?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON OUR PLANET?
I WAS TAKEN TO THEIR CAPITOL CITY WHERE...
ON EVERY WORLD BUT OURS, HUMAN BEINGS HAVE ALWAYS EVOLVED INTO THE DOMINANT LIFE-FORM...
JUST AS YOU ON EARTH WOULD DESTROY ALL ANTS IF YOU KNEW THAT IN TIME ANTS WOULD EVOLVE AND TAKE OVER YOUR PLANET--WE DESTROYED ALL HUMANS! HERE ON KLOMOR--AND THROUGHOUT ALL SPACE AS WELL!
"WHEN THE FIRST SARN SPACESHIP APPEARED THROUGH A T-GATE THEY HAD BUILT, AND LANDED ON OUR PLANET, WE BLASTED THEM..."
WE MUST GO INTO SPACE FIND AND DESTROY ALL THESE HUMANS!
"REALIZING WE NEEDED A BETTER WEAPON TO FIGHT THESE HUMANS IN A GREAT WAR, WE INVENTED THE GRAVITY GUN..."
THE GRAVITY GUN AFFECTS A GLAND OF THE HUMAN BRAIN WITHOUT WHICH A HUMAN CANNOT LIVE!
"BY A LUCKY FLUKE, JUST AS WE WERE TESTING OUR GRAVITY GUN, WE CAUGHT A SARN SHIP COMING THROUGH A T-GATE WITH A SUPER-WEAPON OF THEIR OWN
WE'VE DESTROYED EVERYONE IN THE SARN SHIP! LET'S EXAMINE IT...

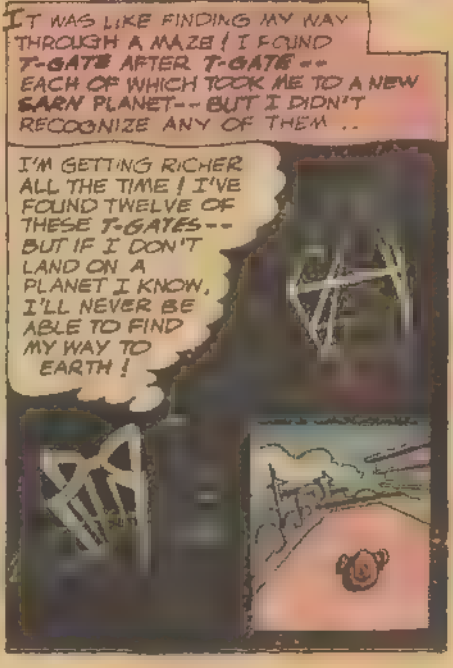
THEY SHOWED ME THE ODD-LOOKING WEAPON OF THE SARN THAT HAD BEEN INVENTED TO DESTROY THE KLO ALIENS...
THIS IS THEIR SECRET WEAPON! I WONDER HOW IT WORKS?
SINCE IT WAS DESIGNED TO DO AWAY WITH US--WE DARE NOT TEST IT TO FIND OUT!
ME THEN WENT INTO SPACE TO ALL THE SARN PLANETS AND ANNIHILATED EVERY HUMAN ON THEM!
THAT EXPLAINS WHY WE FOUND THE CITIES UNDAMAGED--AND NOBODY LIVING IN THEM!
NOW THAT WE KNOW OTHER HUMANS EXIST ON YOUR HOME WORLD--WE'LL GO DESTROY THEM TOO! WITH SURPRISE--AND THESE GRAVITY GUNS--WE'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE!
AND TO STOP YOU FROM ALERTING THEM TO THEIR DANGER WE'LL DESTROY YOU FIRST!
TWIN GRAVITY BEAMS HIT ME AND I FELL DOWN WITH A BLACKNESS FROM WHICH I THOUGHT THERE WAS NO AWAKENING...
THE NEGATIVE CHARGE OF THE GRAVITY GUNS COLLAPSES A GLAND OF THE HUMAN BRAIN--CAUSING INSTANT DEATH!
IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE I OPENED MY EYES--TO FIND MYSELF ALONE...
I'M--ALIVE! APPARENTLY THE
THAT HAD REPLACED WITH
TAKE A
HUMAN
THE KLO THOUGHT ME DEAD, SO I HAD TO WORK FAST! I LEGGED IT INTO THE ROOM WHERE THE CONE WEAPON WAS ON DISPLAY...
I'LL HIDE IT ON MY PERSON--PLAY DEAD--AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS! I DON'T KNOW HOW THE CONE WORKS--BUT I CAN FIGURE THAT OUT LATER!


I RAN BACK TO WHERE I'D BEEN "SHOT" AND PRETENDED TO BE DEAD...
HERE THEY COME -- I GOT BACK JUST IN TIME! I'VE GOT TO BE EXACTLY AS I WAS AFTER THEY GUNNED ME!


SUDDENLY I REMEMBERED THAT MY RIGHT HAND SHOULD BE SHUT TIGHT IN A FIST, FOR THIS WAS A SYMPTOM OF MY TYPE OF BRAIN "INJURY"..
GOT TO RISK MAKING A FIST.. AND HOPE THEY DON'T SEE ME!


THE KLO LOOKED ME OVER, ALL RIGHT-- BUT AFTER MY FIST WAS DOUBLED UP..
RIGHT HAND CLENCHED! MOUTH OPEN! EVERYTHING CHECKS! HE'S DEAD!
THEN LET'S SHOVE HIM INTO A ONE-MAN SPACER-- SEND HIM THROUGH A T-GATE ONTO A LIFELESS SARN PLANET AND FORGET ABOUT HIM!


AND SO SHORTLY, I FOUND MYSELF ON A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PLANET...
SINCE THIS WAS ONCE A SARN PLANET, THERE'LL BE A T-GATE NEARBY IN SPACE -- WHICH WILL TAKE ME TO STILL ANOTHER ANOTHER DISTANT SARN PLANET!


IT WAS LIKE FINDING MY WAY THROUGH A MAZE! I FOUND T-GATE AFTER T-GATE -- EACH OF WHICH TOOK ME TO A NEW SARN PLANET-- BUT I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ANY OF THEM..
I'M GETTING RICHER ALL THE TIME! I'VE FOUND TWELVE OF THESE T-GATES-- BUT IF I DON'T LAND ON A PLANET I KNOW, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FIND MY WAY TO EARTH!

UNTIL AT LAST...
HEY, THAT'S NEW CHICAGO -- A CITY ON A T-GATE PLANET! I'D KNOW ITS THREE TOWERS ANYWHERE! NOW I KNOW HOW TO GET TO EARTH! I'LL BE THERE IN A FEW NANO-SECONDS*!

*Editor's Note: A NANO-SECOND IS A FRACTION OF A SECOND. THERE ARE AS MANY NANO-[redacted] IN A SECOND AS THERE ARE SECONDS IN 30 YEARS!

SINCE I COULD NOT STAY ON EARTH MORE THAN AN HOUR, I CUT MY VISIT SHORT! I EXPLAINED WHAT HAPPENED AND GAVE THEM THE CONE WEAPON
THE KLO ARE AFRAID OF IT-- BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO USE IT YOURSELVES I CAN'T STAY ON EARTH ANY LONGER OR I'LL DIE!
TO ENABLE ME TO WATCH WHAT WAS HAPPENING, EARTH PUT ME IN SATELLITE ORBIT ABOUT THE PLANET-- EQUIPPING ME WITH A TV SET...
THEY'D BETTER HURRY! THE KLO WILL BE HERE SOON IN THEIR FASTER THAN LIGHT SPACESHIPS
AFTER HOURS OF FRUITLESS RESEARCH, EARTH'S SCIENTISTS WERE NO NEARER SOLUTION THAN BEFORE THEY'D STARTED...
BEATS ME! IT'S JUST A SOLID CALCIUM CONE
A WEAPON-- SOMETHING!
IT WAS THEN I GOT MY IDEA
LISTEN! MAYBE WE CAN USE THE T-GATE AND THE SPECTRO-HELIOSCOPE TO FOCUS CALCIUM LIGHT ON THE CONE-- SINCE IT'S MADE OF CALCIUM!
THE CALCIUM LIGHT REVEALED, AND BE-
I TURNED MY HEAD--SAW THE KLO SPACESHIP ZOOM INTO THE SOLAR SYSTEM-- SAW EARTH SHIPS GO TO MEET IT, FIRING USELESSLY...
OUR STRONGEST WEAPONS HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE ALIEN SHIP!

EAGER ENDER TOUCHED THE THREE CIRCLES IN SEQUENCE, PRESSING HARD.

NOTHING IS HAPPENING! WE MUST BE FIRING THE WEAPON THE WRONG WAY!

THEN I THOUGHT OF SOMETHING AND YELLED INTO MY MIKE.

THE KLO ARE HERE--READY TO FIRE! PRESS THE FIRST CIRCLE ONCE--THE SECOND CIRCLE TWICE--THE THIRD CIRCLE THREE TIMES!

I HAD SOLVED THE SECRET OF THE CONE WEAPON..

THE KLO SHIP--COMPLETELY ANNIHILATED! I DON'T KNOW HOW THE SARN DID IT--BUT THEIR WEAPON SURE WORKED PERFECTLY!

I SPEND MY TIME IN SPACE, BUT I DON HAVE TO GO AROUND LOOKING FOR T-GATES ANY MORE! I OWN A COUPLE OF THE PLANETS I LANDED ON AND I'M AMONG THE RICHEST BEINGS

EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T GO THERE-IT'S A HAPPY FEELING TO KNOW MOTHER EARTH IS STILL WHERE IT ALWAYS IS--AND THAT I HELPED SAVE IT!

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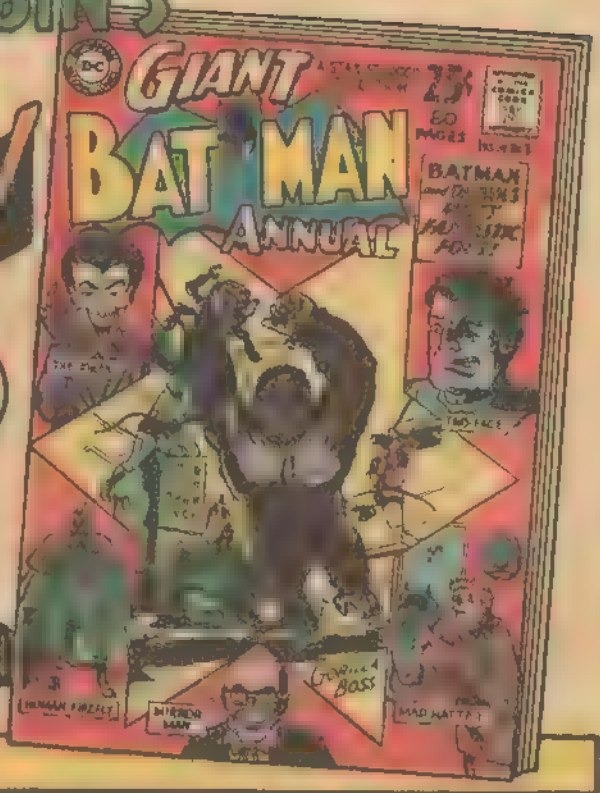

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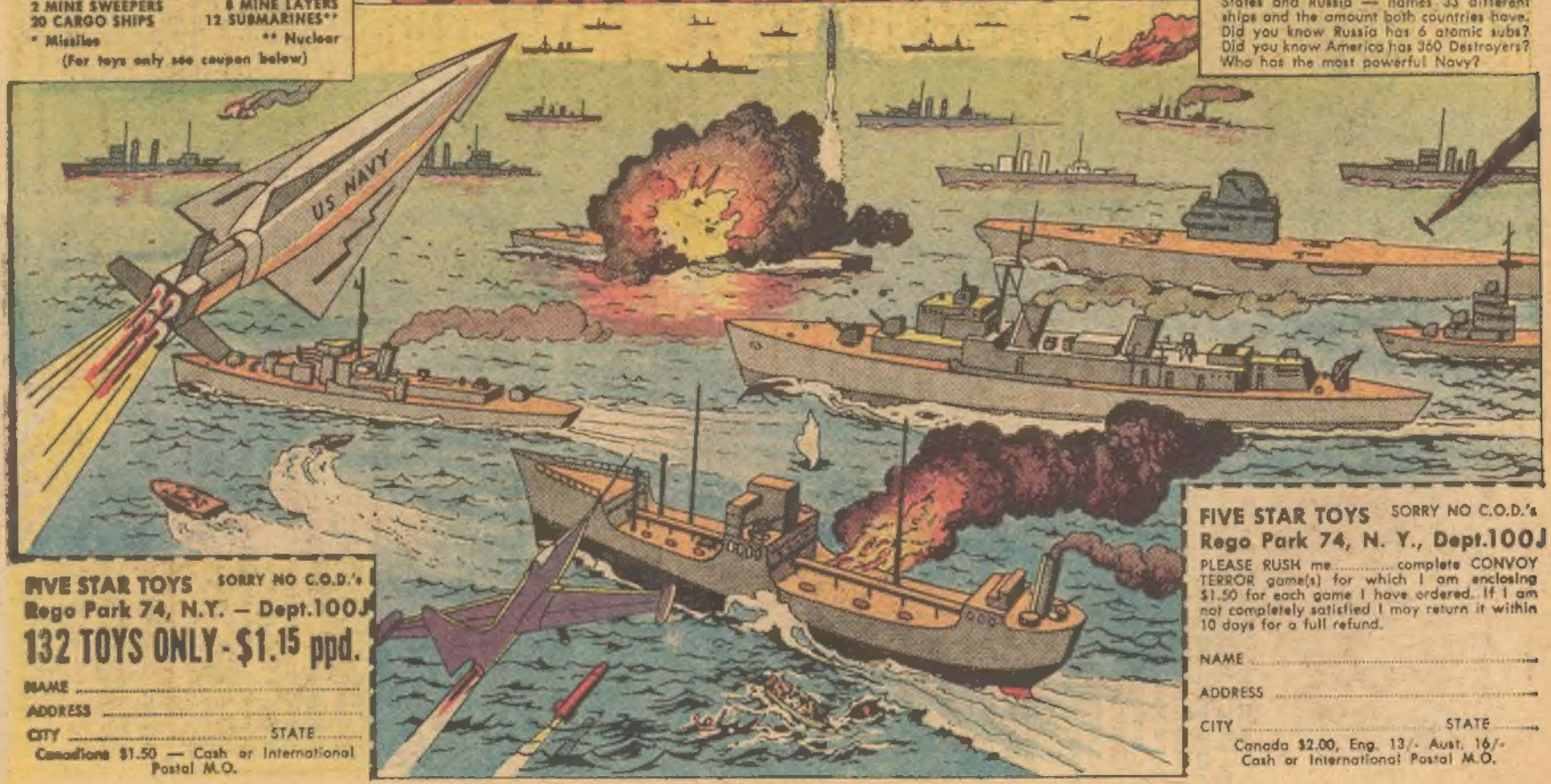

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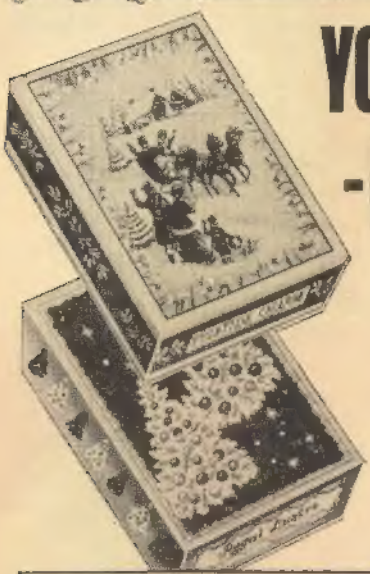

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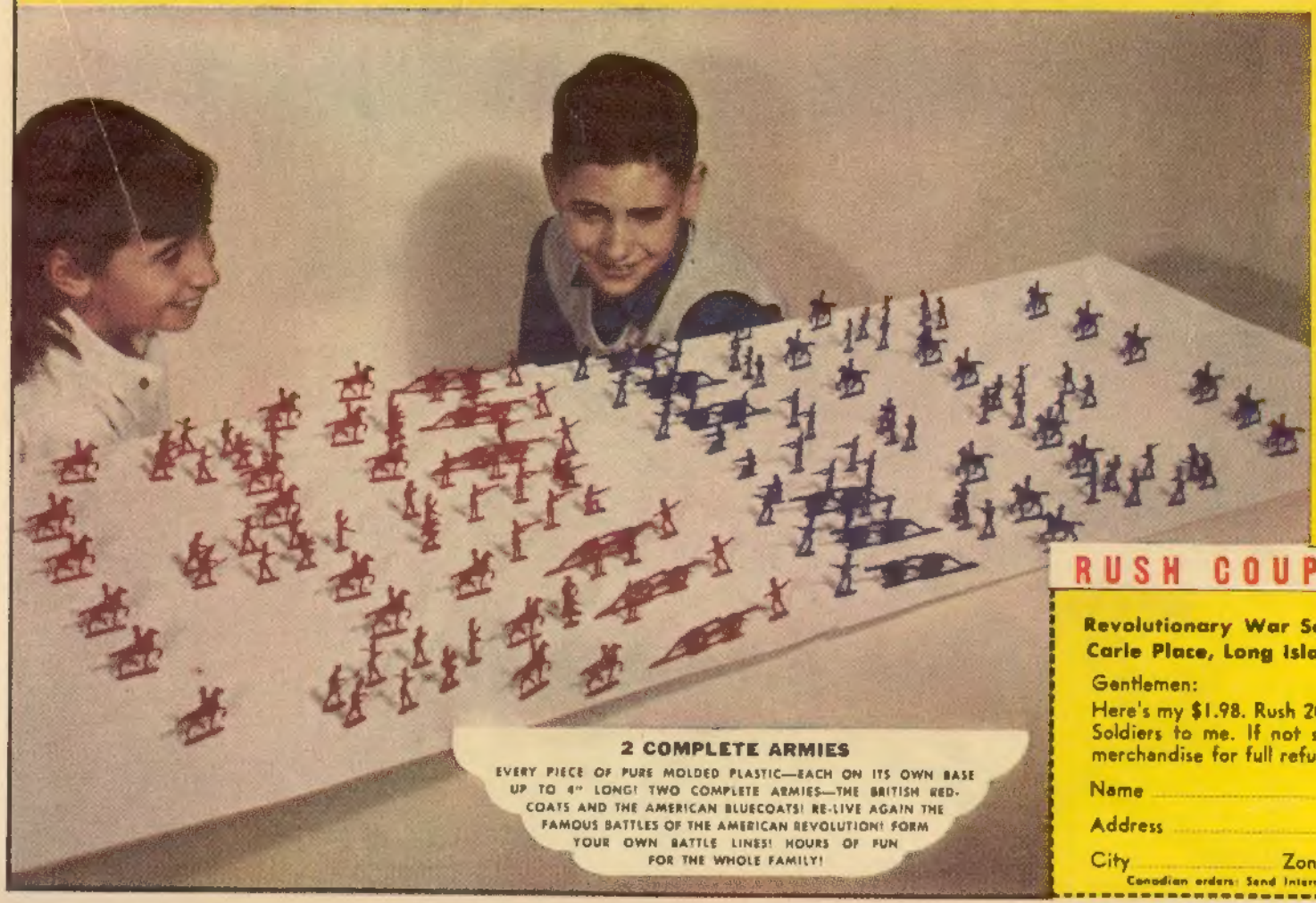

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